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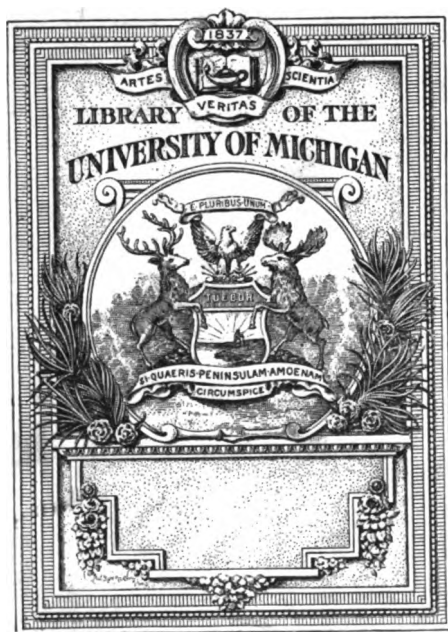
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At a General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, begun and holden at Boston on the first Wednesday, being the third day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and the ninety-sixth of the independence of the United States of America, the following-named members elect of the Senate, having being duly summoned by the Executive, appeared, to wit:—

Messrs. Rufus S. Frost, . . .	in the First	} <i>Suffolk</i> <i>Districts.</i>
Alonzo W. Boardman, . . .	Second	
Charles Hale, . . .	Third	
Horace H. Coolidge, . . .	Fourth	
William H. Larnard, Jr., . . .	Fifth	
and Robert Johnson, . . .	Sixth	
Messrs. Orrin Hewes, . . .	in the First	} <i>Essex.</i> <i>Districts.</i>
Daniel E. Safford, . . .	Second	
John K. Tarbox, . . .	Third	
David T. Woodwell, . . .	Fourth	
and Newell Giles, . . .	Fifth	
Messrs. William B. Long, . . .	in the First	} <i>Middlesex</i> <i>Districts.</i>
Joseph S. Potter, . . .	Second	
Robert O. Fuller, . . .	Third	
J. Newton Pike, . . .	Fourth	
Levi Wallace, . . .	Fifth	
Carroll D. Wright, . . .	Sixth	
and George F. Richardson, . . .	Seventh	
Messrs. Adin Thayer, . . .	in the First	} <i>Worcester</i> <i>Districts.</i>
Samuel M. Griggs, . . .	Second	
A. J. Bartholomew, . . .	Third	
Baxter D. Whitney, . . .	Fourth	
and George A. Torrey, . . .	Fifth	
Messrs. William L. Smith, . . .	in the First	} <i>Hampden</i> <i>Districts.</i>
and Reuben Noble, . . .	Second	

Messrs. Rufus D. Woods,	.	.	.	in the Hampshire	} <i>Districts.</i>
George Sheldon,	.	.	.	Franklin	
Shepard Thayer,	.	.	.	Berkshire	
and Elisha H. Brewster,	.	.	.	Berkshire and Hampshire	
Messrs. James S. Whitney	.	.	.	in the First	} <i>Norfolk Districts.</i>
Thomas L. Wakefield,	.	.	.	Second	
and Erastus B. Carpenter,	.	.	.	Third	
Messrs. George W. Lobdell,	.	.	.	in the First	} <i>Plymouth Districts.</i>
Lloyd W. Parsons,	.	.	.	Second	
and James Humphrey,	.	.	.	Norfolk and Plymouth	
Messrs. Frederick L. Ames,	.	.	.	in the First	} <i>Bristol Districts.</i>
Isaac H. Coe,	.	.	.	Second	
and Charles P. Stickney,	.	.	.	Third	
Messrs. Joseph K. Baker,	.	.	.	in the Cape	} <i>Districts.</i>
and Charles Bradley,	.	.	.	Island	

And were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by the Hon. Horace H. Coolidge, senior member elect.

Quorum.

Whereupon, Messrs. Wakefield, Frost and Smith were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and Council, and inform them that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and ready to be qualified.

Subsequently, Mr. Wakefield, from the above-named committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor would forthwith attend upon the Senate for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the members elect thereof.

Soon after, the Governor and Council came in, and the Senators elect took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution of the Commonwealth and a law of the United States, to qualify them to discharge their duties as Senators for the current political year.

The Governor and Council then withdrew.

President.

Mr. Wakefield taking the chair, on motion, Messrs. Potter, Boardman and Thayer of Worcester were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that the Hon. Horace H. Coolidge, of the Fourth Suffolk District, was elected.

And Mr. Coolidge, having been conducted to the chair by Messrs. Richardson and Frost, signified his acceptance of the office, and entered upon the discharge of its duties.

Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to receive, assort and count the votes for Clerk of the Senate.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that Stephen N. Gifford, of Duxbury, was elected ; and he, being present, was qualified by taking the following oath :—

You, Stephen N. Gifford, Clerk of the Senate, do solemnly swear that you will faithfully and impartially enter all the votes and proceedings of the Senate, and that in all things relating to your office you will act faithfully and impartially, according to your best skill and judgment. So help you God.

And you further swear to support the Constitution of the United States. So help you God.

On motion, Messrs. Safford, Wright and Hale were appointed a committee to inform the Governor and Council of the organization of the Senate. Organisation of the Senate.

On motion, Messrs. Fuller, Pike and Bradley were charged with a similar message to the House of Representatives.

On motion, it was ordered that the Senate proceed forthwith to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms for the current political year. Sergeant-at-Arms.

And Messrs. Woods, Coe and Woodwell were appointed a committee to collect, assort and count the votes therefor.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that Hon. John Morissey, of Plymouth, was elected.

And Mr. Woods was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that branch of the election of Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the Senate.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, announcing the organization of that branch by the choice of Hon. John E. Sanford, of Taunton, as Speaker, and William S. Robinson, of Malden, as Clerk. House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the Senate of last year, be observed until otherwise ordered. Rules and Orders of the Senate.

On motion, it was ordered that the joint rules and orders of the two branches of last year be observed until otherwise ordered. Joint Rules and Orders.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Coe,—

Ordered, That Friday next, at 11½ o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the choice of Chaplain of the Senate. Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Safford,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to furnish daily Newspapers.

newspapers, not exceeding ten in number, to be kept under his direction, for the use of the members of the Senate.

Seats. On motion, Messrs. Wakefield and Thayer of Berkshire were appointed a committee to arrange the seats of members of the Senate.

Rules and Orders of the Senate. On motion, Messrs. Hale, Richardson, and Thayer of Worcester were appointed a committee to prepare rules and orders for the government of the Senate.

Joint Rules and Orders. On motion, the same Senators were appointed a committee to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Phillips of Salem, Towne of Fitchburg, Wright of Boston, Thompson of Gloucester, Ely of Newton, Anderson of Lowell, and Hammond of Cambridge, are joined.

Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, &c. The Secretary of the Commonwealth came in and laid upon the table the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor and Attorney-General.

And said returns were referred to a joint special committee, to consist of Messrs. Bartholomew, Baker, Whitney of Norfolk, Ames and Parsons of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Lincoln of Boston, Perry of Agawam, Fearing of Hingham, Gardner of Nantucket, Knowlton of Upton, Fiske of Webster, and Abbey of Sandisfield, are joined.

Councillors. The Secretary also laid upon the table the returns of votes for Councillors in the several Councillor Districts of the Commonwealth; and the same were referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Tarbox, Humphrey and Brewster of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Kimball of Fitchburg, Smith of Boston, Thompson of Halifax, Snow of Brewster, Couch of Newburyport, Eddy of Fall River, and Seaver of West Roxbury, are joined.

Senators. The Secretary also laid upon the table the returns of votes for Senators in the several Senatorial Districts of the Com-

monwealth; and the same were referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Richardson, Johnson, Griggs, Giles and Sheldon.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Whitney, of Norfolk, Mr. Tarbox was added to the above-named committee.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of Henry F. Brown, of Brimfield, claiming the right to a seat at the Senate Board as a Senator from the First Hampden District, in place of William L. Smith, declared to be elected; and the same was referred to the special committee having charge of the votes for Senators in the several Senatorial Districts. Henry F. Brown.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered. Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, to be joined, to wait upon the Governor and Council, and inform them that the two branches are now ready to attend public worship. Public worship.

And Messrs. Frost, Carpenter and Stickney were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Cushing of Newburyport, Beach of Lawrence, Kimball of Fitchburg, Converse of Hinsdale, Fearing of Hingham and McLoud of Topsfield, are joined.

Subsequently, Mr. Frost, from the above-named committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he, with the Council, would join the two branches forthwith in attendance upon public worship.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee appointed in relation to the subject, reported the following

Arrangement of Seats.

CHAIR.

Right.

1. T. L. WAKEFIELD.
2. A. J. BARTHOLOMEW.

Left.

1. DANIEL E. SAFFORD.
2. WILLIAM B. LONG.

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| 3. GEO. F. RICHARDSON. | 8. SHEPARD THAYER. |
| 4. A. W. BOARDMAN. | 4. CHARLES BRADLEY. |
| 5. CHARLES P. STICKNEY. | 5. RUFUS S. FROST. |
| 6. BAXTER D. WHITNEY. | 6. ADIN THAYER. |
| 7. ELISHA H. BREWSTER. | 7. CHARLES HALE. |
| 8. JAMES S. WHITNEY. | 8. JAMES HUMPHREY. |
| 9. RUFUS D. WOODS. | 9. WILLIAM L. SMITH. |
| 10. ROBERT JOHNSON. | 10. SAMUEL M. GRIGGS. |
| 11. JOSEPH S. POTTER. | 11. ISAAC H. COE. |
| 12. JOHN K. TARBOX. | 12. GEORGE SHELTON. |
| 13. DAVID T. WOODWELL. | 13. LEVI WALLACE. |
| 14. LLOYD PARSONS. | 14. JOSEPH K. BAKER. |
| 15. GEORGE W. LOBDELL. | 15. J. N. PIKE. |
| 16. GEORGE A. TORREY. | 16. ORRIN HEWES. |
| 17. E. P. CARPENTER. | 17. ROBERT O. FULLER. |
| 18. CARROLL D. WRIGHT. | 18. NEWELL GILES. |
| 19. FREDERICK L. AMES. | 19. REUBEN NOBLE. |
| 20. WILLIAM H. LEARNARD, Jr. | |

And the report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,—

Henry F.
Brown.

Ordered, That the committee, to whom was referred the returns of votes for Senators, be authorized, in the matter of the petition of Henry F. Brown, of Brimfield, to send for persons and papers.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Governor
and Lieutenant-Governor,
&c.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee to whom was referred the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other State officers, submitted a report thereon, as follows:—

It appears by the returns that

For Governor.

WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, of Greenfield, has seventy five thousand one hundred and twenty-nine votes.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of Quincy, has forty-seven thousand seven hundred and twenty-five votes.

EDWIN M. CHAMBERLAIN, of Boston, has six thousand eight hundred and forty-eight votes.

ROBERT C. PITMAN, of New Bedford, has six thousand five hundred and ninety-eight votes.

All others have four hundred and ninety-three votes.

For Lieutenant-Governor.

JOSEPH TUCKER, of Lenox, has seventy-six thousand two hundred and forty-four votes.

SAMUEL O. LAMB, of Greenfield, has forty-seven thousand and eighty-one votes.

ALLEN DEAN, of Westfield, has six thousand nine hundred and sixteen votes.

ELIPHALET TRASK, of Springfield, has six thousand five hundred and thirteen votes.

All others have ninety-one votes.

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

OLIVER WARNER, of Northampton, has seventy-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-five votes.

LUTHER STEPHENSON, Jr., of Hingham, has forty-six thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine votes.

HENRY B. MAGLATHLIN, of Duxbury, has six thousand nine hundred and two votes.

GEORGE S. BALL, of Upton, has six thousand one hundred and eighty-six votes.

All others have eighty-five votes.

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

CHARLES ADAMS, Jr., of North Brookfield, has seventy-six thousand six hundred and eighty-two votes.

LEVI HEYWOOD, of Gardner, has forty-seven thousand two hundred and one votes.

HENRY T. DELANO, of Ashburnham, has six thousand nine hundred and sixteen votes.

JOHN I. BAKER, of Beverly, has six thousand one hundred and ninety votes.

All others have forty-one votes.

For Auditor of Accounts.

CHARLES ENDICOTT, of Canton, has seventy-six thousand eight hundred and three votes.

PHINEAS ALLEN, of Pittsfield, has forty-six thousand nine hundred and ninety-five votes.

GEORGE P. SANDERSON, of Lynn, has six thousand seven hundred and five votes.

EZRA S. CONANT, of Randolph, has six thousand five hundred and thirty-six votes.

All others have one hundred and ninety-six votes.

For Attorney-General.

CHARLES R. TRAIN, of Boston, has seventy-six thousand eight hundred and five votes.

WILLIAM W. WARREN, of Brighton, has forty-six thousand eight hundred and seventy-two votes.

GEORGE L. RUFFIN, of Boston, has six thousand eight hundred and fifty-six votes.

SAMUEL T. FIELD, of Shelburne, has five thousand six hundred and ninety-two votes.

STEPHEN T. FIELD, of Shelburne, has six hundred and sixty-seven votes.

WILLIAM WIRT WARREN, of Charlestown, has three hundred and seventy-two votes.

All others have two hundred and sixteen votes.

And the following named officers appear, by said returns, to be duly elected :—

Governor,—WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, of Greenfield.

Lieutenant-Governor,—JOSEPH TUCKER, of Lenox.

Secretary of the Commonwealth,—OLIVER WARNER, of Northampton.

Treasurer and Receiver-General,—CHARLES ADAMS, Jr., of North Brookfield.

Auditor of Accounts,—CHARLES ENDICOTT, of Canton.

Attorney-General,—CHARLES R. TRAIN, of Boston.

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Councillors.

Mr. Tarbox, from the joint special committee to whom was referred the returns of votes for Councillors in the several Councillor Districts of the Commonwealth, submitted a report, by which it appeared that the following named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit :—

District No. 1, ALFRED MACY, of Nantucket.

“ 2, WILLIAM L. REED, of Abington.

“ 3, MILO HILDRETH, of Northborough.

“ 4, JONAS FITCH, of Boston.

“ 5, JOHN F. HARRIS, of Marblehead.

“ 6, JONATHAN B. WINN, of Woburn.

“ 7, ELIJAH B. STODDARD, of Worcester.

“ 8, EDWIN CHASE, of Holyoke.

And said report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Berkshire,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, to be joined, to Governor. inform the Hon. William B. Washburn that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience; also

To inform the Hon. Joseph Tucker that he has been duly Lieutenant-Governor. elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience.

And Messrs. Thayer of Berkshire, Griggs and Larnard were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Benton of Brookline, Patch of Boston, Bigelow of Marlborough, Phelps of Springfield, Breed of Lynn, and Upham of Spencer, are joined.

Subsequently, Mr. Thayer, from said committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor were pleased to say that they would attend forthwith upon the Legislature for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths of office, at such hour this day as may be designated by the two branches.

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

A message was received from the House, proposing a Convention. convention of the two branches forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

Thereupon the Senate concurred in the proposition of the House; and the Clerk was charged with a message informing that branch thereof.

And, pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in

Convention,

For the purpose above specified, and Messrs. Frost, Noble Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. and Parsons of the Senate, and Messrs. Quincy of Boston, Washburn of Boston, Besse of Wareham, Black of Taunton,

Whiting of Great Barrington, Phillips of Salem, and Wright of South Hadley, of the House, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in convention for the purpose of administering the oaths of office required by the constitution, and a law of the United States, to qualify them for the discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

Soon after, the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, came in, and took and subscribed the required oaths of office.

Governor's
Address.

The Governor, thereupon, submitted to the two Houses an address upon the general concerns of the Commonwealth.

The two branches separated.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

1b.

Ordered, That ten thousand extra copies of the Governor's Address be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Hale,—

1b.

Ordered, That a joint special committee be appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's Address

And Messrs. Hale, Richardson, and Thayer of Worcester, were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Phillips of Salem, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Thompson of Gloucester, Hammond of Cambridge, Bacon of Lawrence, Towne of Fitchburg, Anderson of Lowell, and Codman of Boston, are joined.

Councillors.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Alfred Macy, William L. Reed, Milo Hildreth, Jonas Fitch, John F. Harris, Jonathan B. Winn, Elijah B. Stoddard and Edwin Chase, that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government, for the current political year.

Subsequently, a communication was received from the Secretary announcing that a quorum of the Councillors elect had signified their acceptance of the office, and were ready to be qualified.

Thereupon, the Clerk was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, proposing a convention of the two branches forthwith, for the purpose of qualifying such Councillors elect as may have signified their acceptance of the office.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House, announcing its concurrence in the proposition.

And accordingly the two Houses met in

Convention,

For the purpose above specified, and Messrs. Safford and Fuller, of the Senate, and Messrs. Gleason of Stow, F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Church of Taunton, Nutt of Natick, and Barnard of Worcester, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Councillors elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in convention for the purpose of administering the oaths of office required by the constitution. Councillors.

Soon after, Messrs. Alfred Macy, William L. Reed, Milo Hildreth, Jonas Fitch, John F. Harris, Jonathan B. Winn, Elijah B. Stoddard and Edwin Chase came in, and severally took and subscribed the required oaths of office.

The two branches separated.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Alfred Macy, William L. Reed, Milo Hildreth, Jonas Fitch, John F. Harris, Jonathan B. Winn, Elijah B. Stoddard and Edwin Chase, have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year. Councillors.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the vote whereby the hour of 11½ o'clock, A. M., was assigned for the choice of Chaplain of the Senate, was reconsidered; and thereupon the Senate proceeded forthwith to the choice thereof. Chaplain.

And Messrs. Potter, Coe and Pike were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes therefor.

And the committee having attended to the duty assigned them, and it appearing that there was no choice, and that the Rev. Edward Abbott, of Cambridge, had a plurality of the votes, that gentleman, on the motion of Mr. Frost, was declared the Chaplain of the Senate for the current political year.

And the Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Abbott of his election.

Mr. Learnard presented a petition of A. G. Stimson, claiming the right to the seat now occupied by Hon. A. W. Boardman, as Senator from the Second Suffolk District; and said petition was referred to a special committee, to consist of five. A. G. Stimson.

And the President took time to appoint.

Senators.

Mr. Richardson, from the special committee to whom was referred the returns of votes for Senators in the several Senatorial Districts in the Commonwealth, submitted a report thereon, by which it appeared that the following named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit:—

Messrs. Rufus S. Frost, of Chelsea, . . .	in the First	} <i>Suffolk Districts.</i>
Alonzo W. Boardman, of Boston, . . .	Second	
Charles Hale, of Boston, . . .	Third	
Horace H. Coolidge, of Boston, . . .	Fourth	
Wm. H. Learnard, Jr., of Boston, . . .	Fifth	
and Robert Johnson, of Boston, . . .	Sixth	
Messrs. Orrin Hewes, of Lynn, . . .	in the First	} <i>Essex Districts.</i>
Daniel E. Safford, of Hamilton, . . .	Second	
John K. Tarbox, of Lawrence, . . .	Third	
David T. Woodwell, of Newburyport, . . .	Fourth	
and Newell Giles, of Rockport, . . .	Fifth	
Messrs. William B. Long, of Charlestown, . . .	in the First	} <i>Middlesex Districts.</i>
Joseph S. Potter, of Arlington, . . .	Second	
Robert O. Fuller, of Cambridge, . . .	Third	
J. Newton Pike, of Ashland, . . .	Fourth	
Levi Wallace, of Pepperell, . . .	Fifth	
Carroll D. Wright, of Reading, . . .	Sixth	
and George F. Richardson, of Lowell, . . .	Seventh	
Messrs. Adin Thayer, of Worcester, . . .	in the First	} <i>Worcester Districts.</i>
Samuel M. Griggs, of Westborough, . . .	Second	
A. J. Bartholomew, of Southbridge, . . .	Third	
Baxter D. Whitney, of Winchendon, . . .	Fourth	
and Geo. A. Torrey, of Fitchburg, . . .	Fifth	
Messrs. William L. Smith, of Springfield, . . .	in the First	} <i>Hampden Districts.</i>
and Reuben Noble, of Westfield, . . .	Second	
Messrs. Rufus D. Woods, of Enfield, . . .	in the H'pshire	} <i>Districts.</i>
George Sheldon, of Deerfield, . . .	Frank'n	
Shepard Thayer, of Adams, . . .	B'kshire	
and Elisha H. Brewster, of Worthington, . . .	B'kshire	
	and H'pshire	
Messrs. James S. Whitney, of Brookline, . . .	in the First	} <i>Norfolk Districts.</i>
Thomas L. Wakefield, of Dedham, . . .	Second	
and Erastus P. Carpenter, of Foxboro', . . .	Third	
Messrs. George W. Lobdell, of Mattapoisett, . . .	in the First	} <i>Plymouth Districts.</i>
Lloyd W. Parsons, of Bridgewater, . . .	Second	
and James Humphrey, of Weymouth, . . .	Norfolk	
	and Plymouth	<i>District.</i>
Messrs. Frederick L. Ames, of Easton, . . .	in the First	} <i>Bristol Districts.</i>
Isaac H. Coe, of New Bedford, . . .	Second	
and Charles P. Stickney, of Fall River, . . .	Third	
Messrs. Joseph K. Baker, of Dennis, . . .	in the Cape	} <i>Districts.</i>
and Charles Bradley, of Tisbury, . . .	Island	

On motion of Mr. Thayer, of Berkshire,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next, at two o'clock, P. M., and that that be the

Adjournment.

hour of meeting daily, except on Saturdays, when it shall be at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 8, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Friday was read.

A communication was received from Rev. Edward Abbott, Chaplain. signifying his acceptance of the office of Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of George F. Homer, Geo. F. Homer. of Brookline, claiming the right to the seat now held by James S. Whitney, as Senator from the First Norfolk District; and the same was referred to the special committee to be appointed, on the petition of A. G. Stimson.

Mr. Whitney, of Norfolk, presented a petition of the Central Wharf and Wet Dock Corporation. Central Wharf and Wet Dock Corporation for authority to extend its wharf

Laid on the table.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Rules and Orders. rules and orders of the two branches, consider the expediency of adopting a rule requiring the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives to specify, on their Orders of the Day, all the petitions, memorials, remonstrances and papers of like nature which were referred on the previous day, indicating the committee to which they were referred, and to cause 800 copies of the same to be printed for the use of the Legislature; also, that the Sergeant-at-Arms cause files of the Orders of the Day of each branch to be furnished to each Senator and Representative.

Mr. Hale, from the joint special committee appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's Address, Governor's Address. submitted a report thereon, embodying certain orders in relation thereto; and the report was accepted, under a suspension of the rule; and it was accordingly

Ordered, That so much of said address as relates to public lands, be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

So much thereof as relates to the navigable waters and flats of the Commonwealth, to the committee on Harbors.

So much thereof as relates to the Liquor Law, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to the State Police, to a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to Woman Suffrage, to a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to the Labor Question, to a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to the militia, to the committee on Military Affairs.

So much thereof as relates to banks for savings, to the committee on Banks and Banking.

So much thereof as relates to railroad legislation, to the committee on Railways.

So much thereof as relates to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, to the committee on that subject.

So much thereof as relates to the State Charities, to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

So much thereof as relates to school matters, to the committee on Education.

So much thereof as relates to the Massachusetts Agricultural College, to the committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Joint Rules
and Orders

Mr. Hale, from the joint special committee appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches, reported thereon, in part, that the first rule of the rules and orders of last year should be continued as one of the rules of the present year; and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Rules and
Orders of the
Senate.

The same Senator, from the committee appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the Senate, reported thereon, in part, that the twenty-fifth rule of the

Senate of last year be continued as one of the rules for the government of the Senate the present year.

And the report was accepted.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :—

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. Wakefield, Richardson, Boardman, Thayer of Worcester, and Torrey.

On Probate and Chancery.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Humphrey and Smith.

On the Treasury.—Messrs. Stickney, Whitney of Worcester, and Learnard.

On Printing.—Messrs. Humphrey, Woodwell and Smith.

On Bills in Third Reading.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Safford, Richardson, Humphrey and Wright.

On Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Griggs, Brewster and Wallace.

On Leave of Absence.—Messrs. Lobdell, Hewes and Noble.

The President also announced the following Joint Standing Committees :—

On Agriculture.—Messrs. Woods and Ames,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Ross of Holden, Tucker of Milton, Howe of Methuen, Hopkinson of Groveland, and Anderson of Shelburne, are joined.

On Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Stickney and Giles,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Harris of Charlestown, Hersey of Chelsea, Keith of Greenfield, Carlton of Somerville, and Couch of Newburyport, are joined.

On Claims.—Messrs Safford and Pike,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Anderson of Lowell, Pratt of Boston, Babbitt of Berkley, Root of Montague, and Perkins of Plympton, are joined.

On Education.—Messrs. Bartholomew and Learnard,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Washburn of Boston, Baldwin of Worcester, Eastman of New Salem, Turner of Attleborough, and Humphrey of Rochester, are joined.

On Federal Relations.—Messrs. Richardson and Carpenter,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Thompson of Gloucester, Heard of Wayland, and Smith of Boston, are joined.

On the Fisheries.—Messrs. Bradley and Baker,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Carney of Boston, White of Plymouth, Chase of Harwich, Whitfield of Fairhaven, and Creesy of Salem, are joined.

On Harbors.—Messrs. Frost, Johnson and Whitney of Norfolk,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Parker of Lancaster, Cotton of Charlestown, Noah Lincoln of Boston, Besse of Wareham, Hammond of Cambridge, Skillings of Winchester, Harris of Needham, and Phelps of Springfield, are joined.

On the Library.—Messrs. Sheldon, Ames and Woods,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Packard of Boston, McLoud of Topsfield, and Keyes of Sterling, are joined.

On Manufactures.—Messrs. Whitney of Worcester, and Carpenter,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Upham of Spencer, Shepard of Canton, Kendall of Framingham, Arms of Chicopee, and Sayles of Millbury, are joined.

On Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Frost and Baker,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Towne of Fitchburg, Corliss of Gloucester, Cushing of Newburyport, Folsom of Lowell, and Banister of Boston, are joined.

On Insurance.—Messrs. Richardson and Whitney of Norfolk,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Barnard of Worcester, Adams of Hyde Park, Sturtevant of Springfield, Benton of Brookline, and Newell of Boston, are joined.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Potter and Wright,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Kimball of Fitchburg, Pearl of Boston, Porter of Revere, Wyman of Woburn, and Smith of Granby, are joined.

On Parishes and Religious Societies.—Messrs. Safford and Coe,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Perry of Agawam, Peterson of Duxbury, Snow of Brewster, Wright of South Hadley, and Crafts of Whately, are joined.

On Prisons.—Messrs Potter and Sheldon,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Winslow of Newton, Endicott of Dedham, Whiting of Great Barrington, Church of Taunton, and Joslin of Webster, are joined.

On Public Charitable Institutions.—Messrs. Thayer of Worcester, and Fuller,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Parmenter of Cambridge, Poor of Boston, Breed of Lynn, and Eddy of Fall River, are joined.

On Public Lands.—Messrs. Bradley and Noble,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Perkins of Middleborough, Read of Westford, Allen of Wilbraham, Gardner of Swansea, and Slater of Tyngham, are joined.

On Railways.—Messrs. Hale, Thayer of Berkshire, and Tarbox,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, Gleason of Stow, Fairbanks of Fall River, Ely of Newton, Knowlton of Upton, Scribner of Lowell, and Barker of Pittsfield, are joined.

On Horse Railways.—Messrs. Long, Griggs and Wallace,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Cornell of New Bedford, Lamson of Boston, Brown of Lowell, Bancroft of Ayer, Parker of Springfield, Hobbs of Uxbridge, Palmer of Boston, and Holder of Fall River, are joined.

On Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Brewster and Lobdell,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Jernegan of Edgartown, Howard of Sandwich, Hayes of Medford, Abbott of Malden, and Clark of Newburyport, are joined.

On the State House.—Messrs. Boardman and Parsons,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Howe of Clinton, Holton of Northfield, Sheldon of Wrentham, Hill of Boston, and Waterman of Scituate, are joined.

On Towns.—Messrs. Torrey and Woodwell,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Quigley of Southampton, Going of Boston, Fiske of Newton, Slocumb of Grafton, and Durgin of West Newbury, are joined.

On the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.—Messrs. Johnson, Woods and Sheldon,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Wightman of

Reading, Hoyt of Athol, Ayers of Charlestown, Poor of Andover, Merritt of Springfield, Granger of Boston, and Donnell of Chelsea, are joined.

The President also announced the following Joint Special Committees :—

On so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the Liquor Law.—Messrs. Coe, Wallace and Noble,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Hanson of Peabody, Arnold of Northampton, Stone of Templeton, Rogerson of Norton, Bradley of Rockport, Faxon of Quincy, Libbey of Warren, and O'Conner of Boston, are joined.

On so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the State Police.—Messrs. Parsons, Giles and Boardman,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Bates of Easton, Stanwood of Boston, Cressy of Beverly, Torrey of Worcester, Hull of Boston, Marshall of Tewksbury, Thompson of Halifax, and Murphy of Lawrence, are joined.

On so much thereof as relates to Woman Suffrage.—Messrs. Pike, Smith and Coe,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Towne of Fitchburg, Kelley of Abington, Sturtevant of Leicester, Gates of Worcester, Hopkins of Boston, Thayer of Weymouth, Keefe of Chester, and Dresser of Savoy, are joined.

On so much thereof as relates to the Labor Question.—Messrs. Long, Hewes and Fuller,

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. McDuffie of Cambridge, Harlow of Abington, Johnson of Holliston, Taylor of Somerville, Peabody of Danvers, Hill of Stoneham, Knight of North Brookfield, and Lovering of Lynn, are joined.

Joint rules
and orders.

Mr. Hale, from the joint special committee on the preparation of Rules and Orders for the government of the two branches, on the order relative to requiring the Clerks to specify upon the orders of the day, the orders and petitions referred on the previous day, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and the report, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

George B.
Talbot et als.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of George B. Talbot, and others, that the southerly part of Dedham may be incorporated as a new town, by the name of Lyman.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Noble presented a petition of the town of Holyoke for authority to supply itself with pure water.

Mr. Thayer, of Worcester, presented a petition of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company, for authority to fix the amount of their capital stock. Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Co.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of B. M. C. Durfee and others, for an act of incorporation as the Commonwealth Trust Company. B. M. C. Durfee et als.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of Samuel Ingalls and others, for a law to prevent the election of incompetent school committees. Samuel Ingalls et als.

Referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of J. W. Dadmun and others, for authority to sell church property in the town of Winthrop. J. W. Dadmun et als.

Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the Cambridge Gas Light Company, for authority to increase its capital stock. Cambridge Gas Lt. Co.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the Cambridge Railroad Company, for authority to increase its capital stock. Cambridge R. R. Co.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of Joseph Fisher and others, for an act of incorporation as a railroad company, to build a railroad from some point on the Dedham Branch Railroad, to some point in the village of West Dedham. Joseph Fisher et als.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Bradley presented a petition of C. C. Hine, for authority to build a causeway across Lagoon Pond, in the town of Tisbury. C. C. Hine.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of Ellis W. Morton, in behalf of the city of Boston Public Library, for amendment of the act, chapter 69 of the acts of 1867. Public Library of Boston.

Mr. Long presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Charlestown, for amendment of the charter of said city. Charlestown.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting annual reports of Annual Reports.

Province-
town Dike. The Surgeon-General ;
The Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ;
The Police Commissioners ; and a report of the Commis-
sioners on the Provincetown Dike.
And these reports were severally laid on the table, and
ordered to be printed.
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

George B.
Durfee et al. Mr. Stickney, presented a petition of George B. Durfee and
others, for an act of incorporation as the Fall River Loan
and Trust Company.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Central
Wharf and
Wet Dock
Co. On motion of Mr. Whitney, of Norfolk, the petition of the
Central Wharf and Wet Dock Company was taken from the
table and referred to the committee on Harbors.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Payment of
fare by pas-
sengers
standing in
cars. *Ordered*, That the committee on Railways inquire into
the expediency of providing by law that passengers in rail-
road cars shall be exempt from liability to pay fares in the
same until they are provided with seats.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Special
charter. *Ordered*, That all applications for special charters shall
be examined by the committee to which they are referred ;
and if found that the petitioners can be incorporated under
statutes of 1870, chapter 224, concerning manufacturing and
other corporations, such committee shall report upon such
petition, leave to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Manual. *Ordered*, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be
printed and bound, in suitable form, 2,500 copies of the
Rules and Orders of the two branches, with lists of the
several standing and special committees, together with such
other matter as may be considered practicable in a legislative
manual.

Luther
Childs et al. Mr. Baker presented a petition of Luther Childs and others,
for the establishment of a savings bank in South Yarmouth.
Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

The same Senator presented a petition of R. D. Ferris and others, in aid of the above petition; and the same was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Luther Ohlids et als.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of George C. Winchester and others, for authority to build a railroad from the town of Ashburnham to the town of New Ipswich, in the State of New Hampshire. Geo. C. Winchester et als.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Long presented a petition of the Mystic River Corporation, for authority to extend its docks through and above Chelsea Bridge, and for other purposes. Mystic River Corporation.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Boardman presented a petition of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society, for amendment of its act of incorporation. German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society.

Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Treasury make up the mileage of the members of the Senate for the present session of the General Court. Mileage.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Returns of Votes for Senators, to whom was referred the petition of Henry F. Brown, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and, under a suspension of the rule, accepted. Henry F. Brown.

A communication was received from Hon. Levi Stockbridge, transmitting the annual report of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among Cattle. Report of the Commissioners on contagious disease among cattle.

The President appointed Messrs. Safford, Larnard, Richardson, Tarbox and Griggs as the special committee, on the petition of A. G. Stimson.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared a list of committees, in suitable memorandum form, for the use of the members of the Legislature. Lists of Committees.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an order relative to the sale of the school ship, George M. Barnard,—from the files of last year,—was referred to said committee, in concurrence. School ship.

Vt. & Mass.
R.R. Corp'n.

A petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Corporation, for authority to increase its capital stock; for authority to straighten its road, and extension of time to locate and construct the same;

Boston, Barre & Gardner R.R. Corporation.

And a petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation, for authority to extend its road from Gardner to Winchendon, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Samuel F. Woodbridge et als.

A petition of Samuel F. Woodbridge and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in the city of Cambridge, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Mass. New Church Union.

A petition of the Massachusetts New Church Union, for a change of charter, allowing them to hold real and personal estate, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Walter and Francis Shanly.

A petition of Walter and Francis Shanly, for a reduction of the amount of the reserve withheld in their contract for the completion of the Hoosac Tunnel, was referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

South Cove Corporation.

A petition of the South Cove Corporation, for amendment of charter, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Otis Comp'y.

A petition of the Otis Company, for authority to increase its capital stock, and for other purposes, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Severally in concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Tarbox,—

Hawkers and peddlers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing so much of section 3 of the 151st chapter of the acts of 1864, as provides for the payment to the complainant of one-half of the forfeiture recovered under the 27th section of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, of Worcester,—

Overseers of the poor.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law with regard to overseers of the poor, as to give greater permanence to the office.

Mr. Bartholomew, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the alumni thereof; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Education. Trustees of Amherst College.

Mr. Bradley offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:

Ordered, That 6,000 extra copies of the annual report of the commissioners on Inland Fisheries be printed for the use of the Legislature, and 600 additional copies for the use of said commissioners. Inland Fisheries.

Mr. Parsons offered the following order, which was read and referred to the same committee:

Ordered, That 1,000 extra copies of the reports of the Police Commissioners and the Chief Constable of the Commonwealth, be printed,—500 copies for the use of the commissioners, and 500 copies for the use of the chief constable. Report of the State Constable.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, to whom was referred the order to make up the mileage of the members of the Senate for the present session, reported a schedule thereof, and an order for the payment of the same; and the report, being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted; and it was accordingly Mileage.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the several members of the Senate the sum set against their respective names in the schedule hereto annexed, as mileage, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and forty-two dollars. Id.

Mr. Humphrey offered the following order:

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Railways be instructed to report a bill authorizing the formation of railroad corporations without special acts of legislation; and the order, being considered, the question on the adoption thereof was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:— Formation of railroad corporations.

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Frost,	Fuller,	Hale,
Humphrey,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Long,	Noble,
Parsons,	Pike,	Potter,
Richardson,	Sheldon,	Smith,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Thayer, S.	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Woodwell,
Wright.—81.		

So the order was adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Saugus. Mr. Hewes presented a petition of the Selectmen of the town of Saugus, for relief from the support of the Salem Turnpike.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mayor of Cambridge. Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the mayor of Cambridge, for authority to fill the channel of Miller's River, and lay a sewer therein.

Id. Also a petition of the same, that the cities of Boston and Cambridge may be authorized to construct an avenue from Main Street in Cambridgeport, to Beacon Street in the city of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

E. N. Holbrook et als. Mr. Carpenter presented a petition of E. N. Holbrook and others, that a portion of the town of Randolph may be set off and incorporated as a new town.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Adrian Foot et als. Mr. Pike presented a petition of Adrian Foot and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in the town of Ashland.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Lawrence. Mr. Tarbox presented a petition of the city of Lawrence and others, that said city may supply itself with pure water.

Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Co. Mr. Torrey presented a petition of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company, for change of name.

Geo. E. Francis et als. Mr. Thayer of Berkshire presented a petition of George E. Francis and others, for an act of incorporation as the People's Club of Worcester.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Westport. A petition of the town of Westport, for authority to control a fishery in that town, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Id. A petition of the same town for authority to construct a bridge over the east branch of the Westport River, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A petition of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for amendment of charter, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Joseph Wood. A petition of Joseph Wood, for state aid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

A petition of Luther Hill and others, for an act of incorporation as the Spencer Hotel Company, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Luther Hill
et als.

A petition of Luther Hill and others, for authority to construct a railroad from some convenient point in the town of Spencer, to some point on the Boston and Albany Railroad in said town ; and a petition of the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation, for authority to increase its capital stock, were referred to the committee on Railways. ib.

Taunton
Branch R.R.
Corporation.

Severally in concurrence.

A remonstrance of J. Bradford Baker and others, against being included in the new town proposed to be incorporated by the petition of George B. Talbot and others, was referred to the committee on Towns, in concurrence. George B.
Talbot et als.

A petition of Charles H. Dean and others, for an act of incorporation as the Merchants' Fire Insurance Company, in Fall River, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance. Charles H.
Dean et als.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint standing committee on Railways have authority to employ clerical assistance, and to send for persons and papers. Railway
committee.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Hale, from the joint special committee appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the two branches, reported the rules and orders of the two branches of last year, with an amendment striking out "Rule 2"; also amendments in the 17th Rule, striking out the words "expiration of forty days from the commencement of the session," and inserting instead thereof the words "first day of April"; also by striking therefrom the words "three-fourths," and inserting the words "five-sixths." Rules and
orders

And the report being considered; under a suspension of the rule, the first-named amendment to said rule was rejected, and the second was adopted; and the question then being on the adoption of the rule as amended, the vote thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

Rules and
orders.

YEAS.—Messrs.	Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
	Bradley,	Brewster,	Coe,
	Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
	Griggs,	Hale,	Humphrey,
	Larnard,	Lobdell,	Parsons,
	Pike,	Potter,	Richardson,
	Safford,	Smith,	Stickney,
	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,	Torrey,
	Wakefield,	Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,
	Woods,	Wright.—29.	
NAYS.—Messrs.	Boardman,	Carpenter,	Hewes,
	Johnson,	Noble,	Sheldon,
	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell,	Long.—9.

So the rule was adopted as amended.

Subsequently, the vote whereby said rule was adopted, was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and thereupon the same was amended by substituting for the words “expiration of forty days from the commencement of the session,” the words “twenty-second day of February”; also by striking therefrom the words “five-sixths,” and inserting in place thereof the words “three-fourths”; and the question then recurring on the adoption of the rule as amended, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Ames,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
	Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
	Coe,	Frost,	Fuller,
	Giles,	Griggs,	Hale,
	Hewes,	Humphrey,	Johnson,
	Larnard,	Lobdell,	Long,
	Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,
	Potter,	Richardson,	Safford,
	Sheldon,	Smith,	Stickney,
	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,	Torrey,
	Wakefield,	Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,
	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,	Woodwell,
	Wright.—37.		

So the rule was adopted as amended, and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester,—

Divorce.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the laws of the Commonwealth, in relation to divorce.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Concerning
passes on
railroads.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of abolishing the custom of members of the Legislature receiving free passes from railroad corporations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions in the Commonwealth at such times as they may deem expedient.

Committee
on Public
Charitable
Institutions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ellis W. Morton, reported

Public li-
braries.

A bill for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries.

On motion of Mr. Hale,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to furnish a list of the applications to the General Court filed in his office under chapter 2 of the General Statutes, and that the same be printed.

List of peti-
tions.

Mr. Coe, on leave, introduced a bill for the repeal of that part of chapter 394 of the acts of 1871, which provides for the appointment of a State Police Commission; and the same was read and referred to the joint special committee on the State Police.

State Police.

Mr. Bradley presented a petition of Thomas Bradley and others, in aid of that of C. C. Hine.

C. C. Hine.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Smith presented a remonstrance of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company, against the petition of the town of Holyoke, for authority to supply itself with pure water.

Holyoke.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of Charles Burrill, that the city of Boston may be authorized to compensate him for services and expenses in aid of filling the quota of men required of said city during the late war.

Charles
Burrill.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

A bill in relation to steamships navigating the harbor of Boston, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Harbors.

Navigation
in Boston
harbor.

A petition of the mayor of Boston, for amendment of the act providing for an inspection of buildings: and

Inspection
of buildings.

A petition of the National Insurance Company, for leave to issue preferred stock, were referred to the committee on Insurance.

National In-
surance Co.

Stoneham
Street R. R.
Co. A petition of the Stoneham Street Railroad Corporation, for authority to lease its road; and

Andrew G.
Pierce et als. A petition of Andrew G. Pierce and others, for authority to build a horse railroad in the city of New Bedford, were referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Brighton Br.
R. R. Co. A petition of the Brighton Branch Railroad Company, for amendment of its charter; and

Spencer B.
Root et als. A petition of Spencer B. Root and others, for an act of incorporation as the Greenfield and Turner's Falls Railroad Company, were referred to the committee on Railways.

C. S. Platt
et als. A petition of C. S. Platt and others, for an act of incorporation as a savings bank in West Stockbridge, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Concord. A petition of the town of Concord for authority to take water from Sandy Pond in the town of Lincoln; and

H. P. Mann
et als. A petition of H. P. Mann and others, for an act of incorporation as the Highland Land Association, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally in concurrence.

State Police. *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on the State Police consider the expediency of repealing chapter 394 of the acts of 1871, to establish a better system of police.

State Police
Commission-
ers. Also that the committee on the State Police be directed to report a bill to amend chapter 394, section 1, of the acts and resolves of 1871, so that the Police Commissioners shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor and Council.

Fare on rail-
roads. Also that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of regulating, by a general law, the rates of freight and fare on all the railroads within the Commonwealth, which have paid dividends exceeding six per cent. per annum for two years past.

Insurance
premiums
and agents. Also that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of prohibiting, by law, insurance companies doing business in this state, from paying agents over ten per cent. of original premiums, and five per cent. on renewal of policies.

Also consider the expediency of allowing the insured to be their own agents if they desire to be, and receiving therefor the same commission paid regular agents.

Howard Ben-
evolent Soc. A petition of the Howard Benevolent Society, for the repayment to them of the tax paid on bank shares held by them "for the relief of the sick and destitute of Boston," was referred, in concurrence, to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Wakefield, Stickney and Torrey of the Senate, and Messrs. Harris of Charlestown, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Kimball of Boston, Arnold of Northampton, Keith of

Greenfield, Barnard of Worcester, and Hammond of Cambridge, of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the petition of the Howard Benevolent Society, consider the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 890 of the acts of 1871, relating to the taxation of bank shares. Taxation of bank shares.

Annual reports of the Trustees of the Lunatic Hospitals at Worcester, Taunton and Northampton; the State Reform School; the State Industrial School; the Nautical School; the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth; the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind; the Inspectors of the State Almshouses at Bridgewater, Tewksbury and Monson,—were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Annual Reports.

The annual report of the Inspectors and Warden and other officers of the State Prison, was referred to the committee on Prisons.

The annual report of the Librarian of the State Library, was referred to the committee on the Library.

The annual report of the Commissioners of Public Lands, was referred to the committee on Public Lands.

The annual report of the Agent of Discharged Convicts, was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally in concurrence.

A petition of Oliver Lovell, for state aid, came up referred by the House to the committee on Military Affairs; and the Senate non-concurred in the reference of the House, and committed the same to the committee on Claims. Oliver Lovell.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the mayor of the city of Charlestown, reported Charlestown.

A bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Charlestown; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Hawkers and
peddlers.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to amending chapter 151 of the acts of 1864, relating to hawkers and peddlers, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Inland fish-
eries.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing additional copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, reported that it should be adopted; and the report being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Express and
other unin-
corporated
companies.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is necessary to disclose to the public the names of persons doing business as express companies and other unincorporated companies, under general laws.

Boston Board
of Trade.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the Boston Board of Trade, for the abrogation of head money tax on immigrant passengers.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Sinking fund
of the Nor-
wich and
Worcester
R. R. Co.

A communication was received from the Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., transmitting the annual report of the commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the House.

State Com-
missions, &c.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Humphrey and Wright of the Senate, and Messrs. Ely of Newton, Cushing of Newburyport, Hoyt of Athol, Fisher of Southborough, and Splain of Boston, of the House, be a committee to consider the matter of State commissionerships and officials, and their number, expense, &c., and also any methods of relieving the taxation, direct and indirect, incident to the living expenses and business of the people.

Hoosac Tun-
nel and Troy
and Green-
field R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, consider the expediency of repealing so much of chapter 333 of the acts of 1868, as authorizes the Governor and Council to dispose of the interest of the Commonwealth in the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel.

A petition of W. S. Bachelder and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in Holliston; and W. S. Bachelder et als.

A petition of David C. Murdock and others, for an act of incorporation as the West Boylston Savings Bank, were referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. David C. Murdock et als.

A petition of Marcus Moore and others, that they and their lands may be set off from the town of Chester, and incorporated as a new town, by the name of Hampden; and Marcus Moore et als.

A petition of the inhabitants of the town of Dover, for the establishment of the boundary line between that town and the town of Walpole; and Dover.

A petition of the Selectmen of Mendon, for the establishment of the boundary line between that town and Bellingham, were severally referred to the committee on Towns. Mendon.

A petition of S. H. Wardwell, for authority to extend a wharf in the town of Swampscott, was referred to the committee on Harbors. S. H. Wardwell.

A petition of the mayor of the city of Boston, for authority to procure for said city an additional supply of pure water, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Boston.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries, was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. Public Libraries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported Tenure of office of overseers of the poor.

A bill relating to the tenure of office of overseers of the poor; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing extra copies of the reports of the Police Commissioners and the Chief Constable, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment at the end of the order, to wit: "and one thousand copies additional for the use of the Legislature;" and the report being con- Report of the State Police Commissioners and Constable of the Commonwealth.

sidered under a suspension of the rule, was accepted, and the order was accordingly adopted.

Report of
Commissioners of
Western R.
R. Sinking
Fund.
Applications
to the Gen-
eral Court.

A communication was received from the Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., transmitting the final report of the Commissioners of the Western Railroad Sinking Fund.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting, in compliance with an order of the Senate, a list of the applications to the General Court, published under the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes.

Severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

School dis-
trict system.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act abolishing the school district system; and the same was read, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Rules and
Orders of the
Senate.

Mr. Hale, from the committee appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the Senate, reported the rules and orders of the Senate of last year, without amendment; and the report was accepted, and the rules and orders of last year were adopted for the present year.

Thomas J.
Borden et
als.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Thomas J. Borden and others for authority to build a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, with the right to construct a bridge across Taunton River. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Conway
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Sheldon presented a petition of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company for extension of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

E. N. Hol-
brook et als.

Mr. Humphrey presented a remonstrance of Seth Turner and others against the petition of E. N. Holbrook and others. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Public li-
braries.

On motion of Mr. Hale, the vote whereby the bill for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was thereupon amended, and again passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Charlestown.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Charlestown, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Hawkers and
peddlers.

The report on the order relative to amending chapter 151 of the Acts of 1864, in relation to hawkers and peddlers, was considered.

Do.

Mr. Tarbox proposed, as a substitute therefor, a bill concerning hawkers and peddlers; which, after debate, was rejected, and the report was thereupon accepted.

Papers from the House.

A resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of the revenue, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Treasurer.

The order in relation to the issuing by railroads of free passes to members of the Legislature, came up concurred, with an amendment adding to the order the words: "also, to consider the expediency of requiring the various railway corporations within the commonwealth to give free passes to members of the Legislature;" and the amendment was adopted in concurrence. Free passes over railroads.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider whether any and what legislation is necessary to prevent unjust discrimination in the facilities offered or in rates charged by railroad corporations for the carriage of local freight, as compared with the facilities offered and the rates charged for the carriage of through freight. Freight charges on railroads.

A petition of the Selectmen of the town of Brookline for a change of boundary line between said town and the city of Boston was referred to the committee on Towns. Brookline.

A petition of George J. Tucker, Treasurer of the county of Berkshire, for an increase of salary, was referred to the committee on Expenditures. George J. Tucker

A petition of Francis M. Weld and others for an act of incorporation as the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Francis M. Weld.

A petition of Levi Heywood and Heywood Brothers and Company for authority to construct a railroad in the town of Gardner, was referred to the committee on Railways. Levi Heywood and others.

A petition of B. F. Richardson and others for an act of incorporation as the Odd Fellows' Hall Association in Stoneham, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. B. F. Richardson et al.

A petition of the proprietors of the Eastern Harbor Meadows that a drain may be constructed by the State, for the purpose of letting off the water from said meadows and the flats adjoining, was referred to the committee on Harbors. Eastern Harbor meadows.

Severally in concurrence.

The report of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among Cattle, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Agriculture. Cattle diseases.

The annual report of the Surgeon-General was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Surgeon-General.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Norwich and
Worcester
R.R. sinking
fund.

The annual report of the Commissioners of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Sinking Fund, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Worcester.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water scrip; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Worcester
Free Public
Library.

The same senator presented a petition of the Worcester Free Public Library for the refunding of the tax paid on bank stock. Referred to the joint special committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares.

South Bay
Company.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of the South Bay Company for authority to increase its capital stock. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Cambridge
Gas Lt. Co.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the Cambridge Gas Light Company, reported

A bill to authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Western R.
R. sinking
fund.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the report of the Commissioners of the Western Railroad Sinking Fund was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Papers from the House.

The following order was read : —

Land Com-
panies.

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs be requested to report a bill authorizing the formation of land companies, under general laws; and the same was amended by striking therefrom the words, "requested to report," and inserting instead thereof the words, "consider the expediency of reporting."

The following order was amended in the same manner, to wit : Insurance Companies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance be requested to report a bill authorizing the formation of Insurance Companies, under the provisions of general laws ; and these orders were adopted as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two Houses cause the 16th Joint Rule relative to the disposition of petitions, memorials, and applications presented after the 22d day of February next, to be published conspicuously, for one week, in six newspapers printed within this Commonwealth. Petitions to the General Court.

A bill to incorporate the Kingston Savings Bank, was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Kingston Savings Bank.

A resolve relating to the transfer of the public lands of the United States to corporations, was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Public lands of U. S.

Severally in concurrence.

A petition of J. L. Worthy and others that the County Commissioners of Hampden County may be authorized to build a free bridge over the Connecticut River, between Springfield and West Springfield, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. J. L. Worthy et als.

A petition of the Manufacturers' and certain other Insurance Companies for a modification of the act of last year, concerning the taxation of bank shares ; Manufacturers' and other insurance companies.

A petition of the Lowell Dispensary for the refunding of a tax paid on certain bank shares, were severally referred to the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares. Lowell Dispensary.

A petition of the Washingtonian Home for a grant from the State, in aid of said institution, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Washingtonian Home.

A petition of Solomon Taylor and others for the establishment of a savings bank in Yarmouthport was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Solomon Taylor et als.

A petition of F. Tudor and others for authority to build a wharf at Black Rock, Nahant, was referred to the committee on Harbors. F. Tudor et als.

A petition of Ellis Packard and others for authority to build a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mansfield ; and Ellis Packard et als.

A petition of Daniel Holt and others for authority to build a railroad from Lowell to Andover ; and Daniel Holt et als.

A petition of Thomas Stacy and others for authority to Thomas Stacy et als.

build a railroad from Lynn to the Boston and Maine Railroad, with the right of way over said road, were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Boston.

A petition of the Mayor of the city of Boston for a change of the boundary line between that city and the town of West Roxbury ; and

J. O. Moseley et als.

A petition of J. O. Moseley and others for the protection of a dike in West Springfield ; and

Alvah Crocker et als.

A petition of Alvah Crocker and others that the town of Fitchburg may be incorporated as a city, were referred to the committee on Towns.

M. F. Maury.

A petition of M. F. Maury that the Legislature of Massachusetts will request the Congress of the United States to adopt a general system of meteorological observations and crop reports, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Severally in concurrence.

Overseers of the poor.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in relation to the tenure of office of overseers of the poor, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Charlestown.

The bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Charlestown, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mass. Central Railroad.

Mr Brewster, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad ; and the same was read, and referred to the committee on Railways, and sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Charles River Bridge.

Mr. Long, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mansfield & Framingham R.R. Co.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Hale,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Library consider State map. whether any legislation is necessary to make copies of the State map more easily obtainable.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Bartholomew offered the following order, which was Warden of the State Prison. considered, and the further consideration postponed until to-morrow:—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire whether the late warden of the State Prison has ever had any pecuniary interest in contracts for convict labor, or ever received presents or bribes for his influence in awarding such contracts.

Mr. Potter offered the following order, which was read Mileage. and laid on the table:—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of reducing the mileage of members of the Legislature and Executive Council from twenty cents per mile to ten cents per mile, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue, without amendment; and the same was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Nathan Durfee and others for the enactment of a law to prevent the spread of intemperance. Nathan Durfee et al.

Referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, the report of the committee on the Fisheries, on the bill to protect the fisheries in Edgartown, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Fisheries in Edgartown.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of so amending chapter 49 of the General Statutes as to provide for the inspection of rough leather and calf-skins. Inspection of rough leather, etc.

Also, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of repealing chapter 392 of the laws of 1871, relating to the increase of capital stock by corporations. Increase of stock by corporations.

Entrances to
the hall of
the House of
Representa-
tives.

Also, that the committee on the State House consider the expediency of causing the erection of the two swinging doors outside of each of the entrances to the hall of the House of Representatives, upon the broad stairs thereof, like to the doors now inside said entrances, with a close lobby between said outer and inner doors: and that said lobby be kept at all times clear and unoccupied for the ingress and egress of members.

Medford.

A petition of the town of Medford for authority to make a further issue of water fund bonds; and

Newton.

A petition of the town of Newton for authority to supply itself with pure water, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

George F.
Clarke et als.

A petition of George F. Clarke and others that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

S. H. Ward-
well et als.

A petition of John P. Palmer and others, in aid of that of S. H. Wardwell and others; and

Phillips
Wharf Co.

A petition of the Phillips Wharf Corporation for authority to extend its wharf, were severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Daniel Holt
et als.

A petition of Litchfield, Edwards and others, in aid of that of Daniel Holt and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

A. D. Bacon
et als.

A petition of A. D. Bacon and others that all bridges spanning railroads may be required to be built six feet six inches above the top of freight cars passing over such railroads, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Cambridge
Gas Lt. Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Overseers of
the poor.

The Senate bill in relation to the tenure of office of overseers of the poor, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Union Sav-
ings Bank of
Fall River.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Union Savings Bank of Fall River to hold real estate; and

the same was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of Ellen S. Morey for an act authorizing the payment of certain trust funds to her.

Ellen S.
Morey.

Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Papers from the House.

A bill to amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes, was read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fisheries.

A bill authorizing the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase its amount of real estate, was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Worcester
South-East
Agricultural
Society.

A resolve in relation to the officers and soldiers of Massachusetts in the late war, serving in the regular army, who have no official record of their services in this State, was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Soldiers
serving in
the regular
army.

Severally in concurrence.

A report of the committee on Insurance, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to limiting insurance companies doing business in this State, in the amounts to be paid to agents, was accepted in concurrence.

Agents of in-
surance com-
panies, per-
centage of
premium
paid to.

A petition of Edward S. Moseley, Treasurer of Dummer Academy, and others; and

Edward S.
Moseley et
als.

A petition of George Tyler Bigelow and others, severally for relief from the operation of the act concerning the taxation of bank shares, were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Geo. T. Bige-
low et als.

A petition of William P. Brazer and Company and others, in aid of that of Daniel Holt and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Wm. P.
Brazer & Co.
et als.

A petition of Timothy Murphy for State aid, on account of injuries received while in the employ of the State, at the Hoosac Tunnel, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Timothy
Murphy.

A petition of Andrew Burnham and others for authority to build a railroad from the town of Revere to either of the towns of Malden, Everett, Medford or Somerville, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Andrew
Burnham et
als.

Severally in concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Cambridge
Gas Lt. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Warden of
the State
Prison.

The order in relation to an investigation into certain alleged proceedings of the late warden of the State Prison, was rejected.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Charles Riv-
er Bridge.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges; and the report was accepted, and the bill was sent down for concurrence.

Report of the
Surgeon-
General.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the annual report of the Surgeon-General, reported that no legislation was necessary thereon; and the report being considered, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Mr. Long presented a petition of F. M. Holmes and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Chicago Law
Institute.

Mr. Tarbox, on leave, introduced a resolve to furnish copies of the General and Special Laws of the Commonwealth, and other public documents, for the use of the Library of the Chicago Law Institute; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Library.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Lien law.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill extending the privilege and benefits of the lien law to livery and boarding-stable keepers.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,—

Constitu-
tion.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the Constitution so as to limit the length of the sessions of the General Court.

Haskins
Pneumatic
Alarm Co.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company for a change of name, reported

A bill authorizing the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company to change its name; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of prohibiting savings banks from receiving brokerage or fees, for loans made, or of interest, other than that specified in the note given for a loan.

Savings banks, fees received for and interest on loans made by.

Also, providing that the interest on loans from savings banks shall not exceed seven per cent. per annum.

A petition of Walter H. Faunce and others for the establishment of a savings bank in the town of Kingston, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Walter H. Faunce et als.

A petition of the trustees of the Worcester County Horticultural Society for alteration of the laws relating to the protection of birds, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Worcester County Horticultural Society.

Petitions of Josiah Gates and others and A. H. Brown and others, severally in aid of that of Daniel Holt and others; and

Daniel Holt et als.

A petition of Edward Almy and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Thomas J. Borden et als.

A petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company for authority to run their cars to the southerly part of the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Middlesex R. R. Company.

Severally in concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the vote by which the order relative to a change in the law respecting liens on buildings and land was adopted, was reconsidered, and the order was then amended by striking therefrom the words, "be instructed to report a bill," and inserting instead thereof the words, "consider the expediency of reporting a bill;" and the order as amended was adopted.

Liens on buildings and land.

General rail-
road law.

Mr. Hale, from the committee on Railways, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject; also, the order instructing said committee to report a bill providing for a general law concerning railroad corporations, reported.

A bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations; and the same was read and assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Sinking fund
of B., H. &
E. R. R. Co.

A communication was received from the Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., transmitting the annual report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company; and the same was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Safford,—

Conveyance
of real estate.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that a married woman may make conveyance of her real estate without the consent of her husband.

Prescott Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of the Prescott Fire Insurance Company for authority to increase its capital stock.

J. W. Cart-
wright & als.

The same senator presented a petition of J. W. Cartwright and others for an act of incorporation as the Revere Fire Insurance Company of Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

Old Colony
and Newport
Railway Co.

Mr. Ames presented a petition of the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company for authority to construct connecting tracks at Weir Junction, in Taunton.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Otis Co.

A bill to amend the charter of the Otis Company, on the petition of the same, was read and ordered to a second reading.

M. F. Maury.

A report of the committee on Federal Relations, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of M. F. Maury, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

East Wal-
pole Branch
R. R. Co.

An act to revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railways.

Annual din-
ners by mili-
tary Cos

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs inquire whether any of the funds of the Commonwealth have been used for the payment of annual or other feasts, or dinners, for any military company; and if so, by

what authority. And whether at such feasts, if any, intoxicating liquors or other articles had been procured in violation of law, or of those who, by furnishing said articles for this purpose, violated law.

A petition of Samuel Downer for authority to extend his wharf in Hingham, was referred to the committee on Harbors. Samuel Downer et als.

A petition of Peabody and Company and others, in aid of that of Daniel Holt and others, was referred to the committee on Railways. Daniel Holt et als.

A petition of Henry McGrath and others for an act of incorporation as the Ancient Order of Hibernians, was referred to committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Henry McGrath et als.

A petition of Caleb Loud and others for the reestablishment of the east line of Easthampton, was referred to the committee on Towns. Caleb Loud et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Bill to authorize the Haskins Alarm Company to change its name, was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

The report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Boston, Hartford, and Erie Railroad Company, was taken from the table, and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Sinking fund of B., H. & E. R. Co.

Mr. Long presented a petition of the Boston Eight-Hour League for such legislation as will secure the eight-hour system for all mechanics and day-laborers employed by the State and cities and towns therein. Boston Eight Hour League.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Frost presented a remonstrance of the Merchants' Insurance Company of Boston against the incorporation of another company with the same name. Merchants' Ins. Co.

Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Long presented a petition of the Mayor of the city of Charlestown for reimbursement of money paid by said city, under the provisions of section 4, chapter 332, of the acts of 1869, concerning the uniforms of the militia. Charlestown.

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

William Gaston et al.

Mr. Whitney presented a petition of William Gaston and others, B. F. Butler and others, and A. P. Peabody and others, severally, that cities and towns may be authorized to establish industrial schools.

Referred to the committee on education.

Intoxicating Liquors.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance for the reenactment of the Liquor Law of 1867.

Referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Joseph A. Hyde.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of Joseph A. Hyde and others for an act of incorporation as the Bridgewater Savings Bank.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

County Commissioners of Middlesex County.

Mr. Long presented a petition of the County Commissioners of Middlesex County, that they may be allowed to construct the proposed bridge across Mystic River of the same width of draw as is required in the railroad bridges across Charles River.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education.

Mr. Safford presented a petition of the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, for an act of incorporation.

Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Franklin Library Association.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of the Franklin Library Association for an act of incorporation.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Brewster,—

Dog law.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of making any change in the dog law.

Mileage.

The order relative to reducing the mileage of members of the Legislature and the Executive Council, was taken from the table; whereupon Mr. Potter proposed the following as a substitute therefor, which was read and adopted:—

It.

Ordered, That the committee on the Treasury inquire whether the law fixing the compensation and mileage of members of the Legislature and Executive Council requires any alteration; and, if so, what alteration is necessary.

Conway Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Insurance, on the petition of the Conway Mutual Insurance Company, reported

A bill to extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire

Insurance Company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

A communication was received from George Derby, Secretary, transmitting the annual report of the State Board of Health; and the report was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. State Board of Health.

Mr. Bartholomew offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on printing:—

Ordered, That ten thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health be printed: five thousand of which shall be at the disposal of the members of the board, —twenty-five hundred copies shall be numbered, and take their place in the public documents for the present year; and the rest be for the use of the members of the Legislature.

Papers from the House.

A bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Appropriations.

A report of the committee on Federal Relations, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to requesting Congress to provide homesteads for Union soldiers and sailors, and their heirs, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Homesteads for soldiers and sailors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares inquire whether it is expedient to limit the amount of personal property and real estate which, by paragraph third of section 5 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, is exempted from taxation. Taxation.

A petition of Donald Kennedy and others for an act of incorporation as the Highland Railway Company, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Donald Kennedy et al.

A petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for authority to build a double track on the Saugus Branch Railroad, was referred to the committee on Railways. Eastern R. R. Co.

A petition of the Lawrence Gas Company for authority to increase its capital stock, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Lawrence Gas Co.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the hour of 2½ o'clock, on Tuesday, was assigned for the consideration of the bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:— Railroad corporations.

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman, Wallace, Whitney, J. S.,
Woodwell.—4.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Baker, Bartholomew,
Bradley, Brewster, Coe,
Frost, Fuller, Giles,
Griggs, Hale, Hewes,
Humphrey, Johnson, Learnard,
Lobdell, Long, Pike,
Potter, Richardson, Safford,
Smith, Stickney, Tarbox,
Thayer, A., Wakefield, Woods,
Wright.—28.

So the motion was carried in the negative.

Otis Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to amend the charter of the Otis Company was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Haskins
Pneumatic
Alarm Co.

The Senate bill authorizing the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company to change its name, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

M. F. Maury.

The House report on the petition of M. F. Maury, was accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

N. E. Con-
ference of the
Meth. Epis.
Church.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on parishes and religious societies, on the petition of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reported

A bill to amend the charter of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

German
United
Lutheran &
Reformed So.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of the German United Lutheran and Reformed Society, reported

A bill to change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society.

Cambridge
R. R. Co.

Mr. Long, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of the Cambridge Railroad Company, reported

A bill to authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to increase its capital stock.

S. H. Ward-
well.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of S. H. Wardwell, reported

A bill to authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Swampscott.

Mr. Wright, from the joint special committee on the subject of State Commissioners, reported State Liquor Commissioner.

A bill relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer: and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to allowing married women to convey their estate without the consent of their husbands; and Conveyance of real estate by married women.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on prisons, on the annual report of the Agent for Discharged Convicts, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and these reports were severally read, the latter accepted, and the former placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Report of the Agent for Discharged Convicts.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the statutes relating to the redemption and foreclosure of mortgages. Mortgages.

Mr. Bradley presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Tisbury, in aid of that of C. C. Hine and others. C. C. Hine et als.

Also, a petition of William Bradley and others for authority to build a bridge across the outlet of Senchekontacket and Farm Ponds, in Edgartown. William Bradley et als.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company, for authority to extend its road. Fall River, Warren, and Providence R. R. Co.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of Reuben Bacon and others, for the enactment of a license law for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Reuben Bacon et als.

Referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

The same senator presented a petition of the same and others for a revision of the laws relative to the observance of the Lord's Day. ib.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. And these petitions, with the exception of the last, were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Long presented a petition of Moses A. Dow and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Middlesex R. R. Co.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mass. School fund. A communication was received from Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., transmitting the annual report of the commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the House.

County buildings of Berkshire County. A bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Berkshire County to appropriate money in payment for the new county buildings at Pittsfield, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Notaries public. A bill relating to notaries public, was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Convicts employed in the state Prison. *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on the Labor Question be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the employment of convicts in the State prison.

Charles and Mystic Rivers and Fort Point Channel. Also, that the committee on Harbors consider the expediency of memorializing Congress for authority to close the draws in the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers and Fort Point Channel.

Stationary and other engines. A petition of D. R. Whitney and others for a law providing for the examination of persons employed to run stationary, marine, or locomotive engines, or to take charge of boilers attached to the same; and

Daniel Holt et al. A petition of Hubbard and Blake and others, in aid of that of Daniel Holt and others, were referred to the committee on Railways.

John B. Nichols et al. A petition of John B. Nichols and others, that the County Commissioners of Essex County may be authorized to construct a bridge across Merrimack River, in the town of Haverhill, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Abel Storey. A petition of Abel Storey for authority to build a wharf in the town of Essex, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Everett. A petition of the Water Commissioners of the town of Everett for authority to raise an additional amount of fifty thousand dollars, to complete the water works in said town, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Milford. A petition of the overseers of the poor of the town of Milford, for the reimbursement of money alleged to have been wrongfully paid for board of State paupers, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Gloucester Fire Ins. Co. A petition of the Gloucester Fire Insurance Company for

a change of the law of last year respecting the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the committee on that subject.

Severally in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Long, the petition of the Boston Eight Hour League was taken from the table, and referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Boston Eight-Hour League.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Conway Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

The House bill to amend the charter of the Otis Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Otis Co.

The report on the order in relation to the passage by Congress of an act to provide homesteads for Union soldiers and sailors, or their heirs, was accepted in concurrence. Homesteads for sailors and soldiers.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations; and the same was read a second time. Railroad corporations.

Sundry amendments proposed to the bill were rejected.

Mr. Frost proposed an amendment to the twelfth section; ib. viz., insert in the fourth line, after the word "not," the words, "in any case"; and after the word "railroad," in the fifth line, strike out the words, "already constructed without the consent of the parties owning or operating the same"; and the question on this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Ames,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Carpenter,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Hewes,	Johnson,
Learnard,	Lobdell,	Long,
Noble,	Parsons,	Safford,
Smith,	Thayer, A.,	Torrey,
Wakefield,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods,	Wright.—23.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Humphrey, Thayer, S.—2.

So the amendment was adopted.

The question then recurring, on ordering the bill to a third reading, as amended, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Ames,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Fuller,	Hale,	Humphrey,
Johnson,	Learnard,	Long,
Noble,	Parsons,	Potter,
Safford,	Smith,	Tarbox,
Thayer, A.,	Thayer, S.,	Whitney, B. D.,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods.—20.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Carpenter, Giles, Hewes,
 Lobdell, Torrey, Wakefield.—6.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Central Dis- Mr. Thayer of Worcester, on leave, introduced a bill
 trict Court. establishing the Central District Court; and the same was
 read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Charles Bur- Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on
 rill. the petition of Charles Burrill, reported

A bill relating to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston.

National The same senator, from the committee on Insurance, on
 Ins. Co. the petition of the National Insurance Company, reported

A bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Founds. On motion of Mr. Woods,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of requiring towns and cities to provide pounds with suitable shelter and protection from the weather for the horses and cattle confined therein.

State Com- On motion of Mr. Humphrey,—
 missioner- *Ordered*, That the joint special committee on State Com-
 ships. missionerships be authorized to send for persons and papers.

Convicts. On motion of Mr. Woods,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of regulating by law the bill of fare for convicts that labor.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Officers of On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester,—
 prisons and *Ordered*, That the committee on the Treasury inquire
 charitable whether any officers connected with the prisons or charitable
 institutions. institutions of the Commonwealth have been interested in
 contracts connected with said institutions, or have in any
 way received money improperly while holding said offices;

also, what further legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent such officers from receiving presents from contractors and others.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of the Parker and Wade Carpet Company for a change of name. Parker and Wade Carpet Co.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of the selectmen of Arlington for authority take water, for the use of said town, from Vine Brook. Arlington.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Carpenter presented a remonstrance of M. B. Faxon and others against the petition of E. N. Holbrook and others. E. N. Holbrook et als.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Long presented a petition of the mayor and aldermen and councilmen of the city of Charlestown, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Middlesex R. R. Co.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of A. Waterman and others, in aid of that of Thomas Stacey and others. Thos. Stacey et als.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union, on the petition of the same, was read and ordered to a third reading. Mass. New Church Union.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures be instructed to examine and report upon the condition of the securities in charge of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth. Securities of the Commonwealth.

Also, that the committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the manner in which the Adjutant-General's department has complied with and carried out the provisions, in chapter 53 of the acts of 1869, relating to soldiers' and sailors' testimonials; and particularly as to what, if any, system has been employed by said department in the issuing of these testimonials; and whether said testimonials have been prepared in a neat and suitable manner; also, to inquire how many of said testimonials have been issued, and how many remain to be issued. Testimonials of soldiers and sailors.

A petition of the American Antiquarian Society for a modification of the act of last year respecting the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject. American Antiquarian Society.

Home for Discharged Female Prisoners. A petition of the managers of the Temporary Home for Discharged Female Prisoners, for aid from the State, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

John B. Nichols et als. A petition of George Lovejoy and others, in aid of the petition of John B. Nichols and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Andrew Burnham et als. A petition of A. H. Evans and others, in aid of that of Andrew Burnham and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

J. L. Wellington. A petition of J. L. Wellington for payment for certain services rendered the Troy Indians, was referred to the committee on Claims.

American seamen. A resolve relative to American seamen, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Waltham. A petition of the town of Waltham for authority to supply itself with pure water ; and a petition of Joseph Carew and others, that Fire District No. 1, of South Hadley, may supply itself with pure water, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Nathan Canterbury et als. A petition of Nathan Canterbury and others for an act of incorporation as the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

E. W. Hooper et als. A petition of E. W. Hooper and others for a modification of the act of last year respecting the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the joint special committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares.

W. A. Humphrey et als. A petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, that the town of Brookline may be annexed to the city of Boston ; and

George B. Talbot et als. A remonstrance of Jabez Weatherbee and others against the petition of George B. Talbot and others, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Cambridge. A petition of the mayor of Somerville, in aid of that of the city of Cambridge, for authority to fill the flats and improve the channel of Mystic River, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Middlesex E. R. Co. A petition of Calvin A. Richards and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Horse Railway.

Severally in concurrence.

N. E. Conference of the Meth. Episc. Church. The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to amend the charter of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

Bills :

To change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society ;

To authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to in-crease its capital stock; Bills.

To authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Swampscott;

Relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Conway, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Conway Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary on the order relative to authorizing a married woman to convey real estate without the assent of her husband, was accepted. Conveyance of real estate by married women.

The Senate bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, was read a third time; whereupon Mr. Wakefield proposed the following amendment to the bill:— Railroad corp'tions.

"SECTION 7. The directors may petition the supreme judicial court to appoint commissioners to determine the exigency for such railroad; and the court, or any justice thereof, in term time or vacation, shall appoint as such commissioners three disinterested persons, one of whom shall be a skillful engineer, and neither of whom shall be of the board of railroad commissioners; who, after such notice as the court may order, shall hear all parties interested desiring to be heard, and take such evidence as to them may seem proper; and shall determine the exigency for such railroad, and make and return to the office of the clerk of said court a certificate of their determination, and the same shall be certified by said clerk to the directors."

And the same being considered, the question on the adoption thereof was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Carpenter,	Coe,	Frost,
Fuller,	Giles,	Hewes,
Learnard,	Lobdell,	Long,
Pike,	Richardson,	Safford,
Sheldon,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Woodwell,	Wright.—20.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Bradley,	Brewster,	Griggs,
Hale,	Humphrey,	Johnson,
Noble,	Parsons,	Potter,
Smith,	Stickney,	Tarbox,
Thayer, A.,	Thayer, S.,	Whitney, B. D.,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods.—17.	

So the amendment was adopted.

On the further motion of the same senator, the bill was amended in section 8 ; and the question then recurring, on ordering the bill to be engrossed, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Ames,	Bartholomew,	Bradley,
	Brewster,	Carpenter,	Coe,
	Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
	Hale,	Hewes,	Johnson,
	Learnard,	Loddell,	Long,
	Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,
	Potter,	Richardson,	Safford,
	Smith,	Stickney,	Thayer, A.,
	Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Wright,
	Wakefield,	Torrey.—29.	
NAYS.—Messrs.	Boardman,	Humphrey,	Sheldon,
	Tarbox,	Thayer, S.,	Whitney, J. S.,
	Woodwell.—7.		

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

State Liquor
Commissioner.

The bill relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 25, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Long,

Orders of the
day.

Ordered, That hereafter, in the consideration of the orders of the day, undebatable matters be first acted upon.

Papers from the House.

Appropriations.

A bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Soldiers' testimonials,
&c.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of repealing the acts authorizing the employment of more than one clerk in the office of the Adjutant-General ; also, the expediency of authorizing the Governor, or some other suitable persons, to cause the testimonials to the soldiers and sailors of the late war, as provided by chapter 53 of the acts of the year 1869, to be

issued to them, in suitable form and style, as speedily as possible; also, the expediency of applying the appropriation "for the additional clerical assistance in the Adjutant-General's office, for the present year," to pay the expenses which may attend the issuing of the testimonials, as aforesaid; also, the expediency of receiving back such testimonials as have not been issued in suitable form and style, and furnishing new and better ones in their places.

A petition of the Holyoke Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Salem for a modification of the act taxing bank shares, and for refunding tax paid, was referred to the committee on that subject, in concurrence.

Holyoke
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the bill to authorize the Union Savings Bank of Fall River to hold real estate, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the report, being considered under a suspension of the rule, was accepted, and the bill accordingly rejected.

Union Sav-
ings Bank of
Fall River.

Mr. Griggs presented a petition of Benjamin Evans for compensation of services and money expended as agent of the Newburyport Bridge. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Benj. Evans.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Reuben Bacon and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reuben Ba-
con et als.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing 10,000 extra copies of the annual report of the State Board of Health, reported that the same ought to be adopted; and the report being considered under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Hale proposed the following amendment thereto, to wit:—

State Board
of Health.

Strike out all after the words "Ordered, that," and insert the following: "There be printed of the Report of the State Board of Health—in addition to two thousand copies to be included in the public series of documents, and distributed according to law—five thousand extra copies; of which, two thousand five hundred shall be placed at the disposal of said board, and two thousand five hundred shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature;" and the question on this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,
Lobdell,

Carpenter,
Parsons,

Hale,
Tarbox.—6.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Brewster, Giles, Humphrey, Long, Potter, Sheldon, Thayer, S., Wallace, Woods,	Boardman, Coe, Griggs, Johnson, Noble, Richardson, Smith, Torrey, Whitney, B. D., Woodwell.—29.	Bradley, Frost, Hewes, Larnard, Pike, Safford, Stickney, Wakefield, Whitney, J. S.,
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So the amendment was rejected; and the report was thereupon accepted, and the order accordingly adopted.

Mass. School Fund.

The annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills—

Relative to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston;

To authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock;

To amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

N. E. Conference of the Meth. Epis. Church.

The Senate bill to amend the charter of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society.

The Senate bill to change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Cambridge Railroad Co.

The Senate bill to authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Stephen H. Wardwell.

The Senate bill to authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Swampscott, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Grove Hill Seminary.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, the bill to exempt Grove Hill Seminary from taxation, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The annual reports of the Police Commissioners and of the Constable of the Commonwealth, were taken from the table and referred to the joint special committee on the State Police.

Constable
of the Com-
monwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into and report what, if any, facilities are needful for the custody and examination of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court before their publication in the reports.

Supreme
Judicial
Court.

Mr. Baker, on leave, introduced a resolve in relation to the fishing interests of the Commonwealth; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fishing in-
terests of the
Common-
wealth.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the redemption and foreclosure of mortgages, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mortgages.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 838 of the Acts of 1870, as to better protect the rights of boarding-house keepers.

Boarding-
house
keepers.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Appropriations.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company, for extension of time for completing additional tracks.

Worcester
and Nashua
Railroad Co.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a copy of an act passed by the legislature of New York on the 20th of April, 1871, entitled "An Act to make a con-

Washington
National
Monument.

tribution toward the completion of the Washington National Monument."

Mystic River Corporation.

Also, the annual report of the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation; and these documents were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

State Board of Charities.

A communication was received from E. L. Pierce, Esq., transmitting the annual report of the State Board of Charities, and the same was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Seth R. Thomas.

A petition of Seth R. Thomas, for authority to build a bridge over Little River in Dartmouth, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ellis Packard et als.

A petition of Edward Southworth and others, in aid of that of Ellis Packard and others; and

Orlando Mason et als.

A petition of Orlando Mason and others, for authority to build a railroad from some point in the towns of Winchendon, Ashburnham or Ashby, to some point on the line of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

A bill concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

*Springfield Home for Friendless Women and children.
O. T. Borden et als.*

A petition of the Springfield Home for Friendless Women and Children, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

A petition of C. T. Borden and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in the town of Mansfield, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

George A. Wilson et als.

A petition of George A. Wilson and others, that the town of Brighton may be annexed to the city of Boston; and

W. A. Humphrey et als.

Remonstrances of W. W. Cowell and others and Clark Partridge and others, severally against the annexation of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

Reuben Bacon et als.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the report on the petition of Reuben Bacon and others, was accepted.

Charles Burrill.

The Senate bill relative to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. National Ins. Co.

The House bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Mass. New Church Union.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of George H. Johnston, reported George H. Johnston.

A resolve in favor of George H. Johnston, and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in addition to an act abolishing the school district system, reported that the same ought not to pass, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, on the question of rejection. School district system.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the order relative to amendment of the dog law, so called, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Dog law.

Mr. Safford, from the committee appointed on the petition of George F. Homer, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. George F. Homer.

On motion of Mr. Safford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law that mechanics' liens may be dissolved by giving bond in the manner provided for the dissolution of attachments. Mechanics' liens.

Mr. Carpenter presented a petition of S. A. Vining and others, in aid of that of E. N. Holbrook and others. E. N. Holbrook et als.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

The message from the Governor, with the report of the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Harbors. Mystic River Corporation.

The message of the Governor, transmitting a copy of an Act of the New York legislature, to make contribution towards the completion of the Washington Monument, was Washington Monument.

taken from the table and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Boston and
Portland
Railway
Trust Co.

Mr. Frost, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company, and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Appropriation
bill.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the House bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, reported the same, with an amendment, providing for the compensation of the clerk of the committee on Railways.

And said bill was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended as proposed by the committee and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

National
Ins. Co.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the vote whereby the bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the bill was then amended, on motion of the same senator, and, as amended, again passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Stoneham
Street R. R.
Co.

A bill to authorize the Stoneham Street Railroad Company to lease its road (on the petition of the same) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston Land
Company.

A bill to incorporate the Boston Land Company, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Woman
suffrage.

A petition of Emily Howe and others, that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, was referred to the committee on that subject.

J. E. Pollard
et als.

A remonstrance of J. E. Pollard and others, against the petition for the annexation of Brookline to Boston ; and

Thomas P.
Hurlburt
et als.

A remonstrance of Thomas P. Hurlburt and others, in behalf of the town of Sudbury, against the petition of the selectmen of the town of Maynard, were referred to the committee on Towns.

A petition of G. F. King and others, in aid of that of Ellis Packard and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Lucinda A.
Hunson.

A petition of Lucinda A. Hunson, for allowance of State aid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare and cause to be printed and bound five hundred copies of the Journal of the Senate, for the present session, with an index and such notes, references and other statistical matters as may be necessary; and that one copy be sent to each member of the present Legislature, thirty copies at the disposal of the President and Clerk, six copies placed in the State Library, ten copies at the disposal of the Executive Department, and each of the lobbies and committee rooms supplied in like manner as they are all now supplied with other documents of the Senate and House.

Journal of
the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the report on the order relative to a change of the law respecting the redemption and foreclosure of mortgages, was accepted.

Mortgages.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted
and to Gov.

To authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock.

To amend the charter of the Otis Company.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook, and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent down for concurrence.

Arlington.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of an assistant register of deeds for the county of Suffolk.

Assistant
Register of
Deeds for
Suffolk
County.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire whether any change in the law requiring returns from jails and houses of correction is desirable.

Returns
from jails
and houses
of correction.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Central District Court.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of T. L. Nelson and others, in aid of the passage of the bill to incorporate the Central District Court of the county of Worcester.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Inspectors of the State Prison.

A bill concerning the appointment of inspectors of the State prison, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

State Liquor Commissioner.

The Senate bill relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer, came up referred by the House to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law, and the Senate concurred in the reference.

Boston.

A bill to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Waltham.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the town of Waltham ;

Oliver Lovell.

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Oliver Lovell, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Protection from accidents by machinery.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of reporting a bill requiring belts and machinery in dangerous and exposed places to be suitably guarded for the prevention of accidents.

W. A. Humphrey et als.

A remonstrance of J. White Belcher and others, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Lucinda Hosmer et als.

A petition of Lucinda Hosmer and others, that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Fall River.

A petition of the mayor of the city of Fall River, for authority to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

W. A. Humphrey et als.

A remonstrance of the selectmen of Brookline, against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

Fishing interests of the State.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the resolutions in relation to the fishing interests of the Commonwealth, reported the same in a new draft, and they were considered, under a suspension of the rule, and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the current year (which originated in the House), passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Appropriations.

The orders of the day were taken up, and reports, Reports.
 On the petition of George F. Homer; and
 On the order in relation to an amendment of the dog-law, so called, were severally accepted.

The bill to authorize the Stoneham Street Railroad Company to lease its road, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Stoneham Street R. R. Co.

The bill in addition to an act abolishing the school district system, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. School district system.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee on Public Lands, on the report of the commissioners on Public Lands, reported Public lands.

A bill relating to the road known as the Cross Dam in the city of Boston.

Mr. Brewster, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of C. C. Hine, reported C. C. Hine.

A bill to authorize C. C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was accordingly ordered to a second reading. Worcester.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Prisons, on the annual report of the inspectors and officers of the state prison, reported Appropriations.

A resolve making appropriations for repairs and improvements on the state prison; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order in relation to amending the act of 1870, relative to the rights of boarding-house keepers, reported that it is in- Rights of boarding-house keepers.

expedient to legislate thereon, and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Fire risks,
limiting the
amount of.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of limiting the amount of the fire risks which shall be taken in any one city or town by fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey,—

State Com-
missioner-
ships.

Ordered, That the joint special committee on State Commissionerships, officials, &c., be authorized to employ clerical assistance.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

J. H. Mor-
ton et als.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of J. H. Morton and others, that the Silverdale Manufacturing Company may be authorized to bring water from Silver Lake to the city of Springfield.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Wilmington
and West
Cambridge
R. R. Co.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of the officers and representatives of the Wilmington and West Cambridge Railroad Company for a revival of charter.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

George E.
Lord et als.

Mr. Richardson presented a petition of George E. Lord and others for an act of incorporation as the New England Mutual Insurance Company.

Referred to the committee on Insurance.

H. C. Rice
et als.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of H. C. Rice and others for an act of incorporation as a real estate and building company.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Silverdale
Manufactur-
ing Co.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company, for authority to increase its capital stock.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Thomas
Nash et als.

Mr. Humphrey presented a remonstrance of Thomas Nash and others against the annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Assistant
clerks of
Worcester
County.

Mr. Bartholomew presented a petition of the assistant clerks of the courts of Worcester County for increase of salary.

John C.
Leighton.

Mr. Boardman presented a petition of John C. Leighton, clerk of the Municipal Court of the city of Boston, for authority to appoint an extra assistant clerk.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

A bill concerning wells in public squares and highways, was read and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Wells in public squares.

A bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water bonds, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Medford.

Bills,**Bills.**

To incorporate the New Bedford and Taunton Street Railway Company, on the petition of Andrew G. Pierce and others ;

To authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate ;

To incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association, on the petition of B. F. Richardson and others, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill to establish the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers, and pages of the Legislature, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A report (inexpedient) of the committee on Banks and Banking on so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Savings banks.

A petition of James Damon and another for authority to extend their wharves ; and James Damon et al.

A petition of Nicholas Varina for authority to extend his wharf on Merrimack River ; and Nicholas Varina.

A petition of J. B. Lamper and others, in aid of that of F. Tudor and others, were severally referred to the committee on Harbors. F. Tudor et als.

A petition of the Bay State and other insurance companies for a modification of the law of 1871 concerning the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject. Bay State Ins Co.

A petition of John Taylor and others, in aid of that of W. A. Humphrey and others ; and W. A. Humphrey et als.

A petition of George S. Winslow and others, in aid of that of George B. Talbot and others ; and George B. Talbot et als.

A remonstrance of Saul B. Scott and others against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, were referred to the committee on Towns. W. A. Humphrey et als.

A petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company for extension of time within which to construct its road, was referred to the committee on Railways. Gloucester and Lanesville R. R. Co.

Severally in concurrence.

Reports.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the House reports on the petition of the town of Waltham, and Oliver Lovell, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Stoneham Street Railroad Co.

The House bill to authorize the Stoneham Street Railroad Company to lease its road, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Intoxicating Liquors.

Mr. Coe presented a petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance for the repeal of the law of 1870 concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and the reenactment of the law of 1867. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Boston.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

North Avenue Savings Bank.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Samuel F. Woodbridge and others, reported

A bill incorporating the North Avenue Savings Bank.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Prisons, on the order relative to returns from jails and houses of correction, reported

Reports from jails and houses of correction. Spencer Hotel Company.

A bill in relation to reports and returns from jails and houses of correction.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Luther Hill and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company.

Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop, reported

A bill to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop to sell certain real estate; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of the city of Charlestown, reported Charlestown.

A resolve in favor of the city of Charlestown; and the same was referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve making appropriations for repairs on the State prison, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading. State prison.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order in relation to providing that mechanics' liens may be dissolved by giving bonds, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Mechanics' liens.

Mr. Frost, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Union Homestead Association of Boston, and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Union Homestead Association.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate, and the same was read and referred to the committee on Insurance. Fitchburg Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of the North End Savings Bank for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. North End Savings Bank.

Mr. Humphrey presented a petition of the president and directors of the Hingham and Cohasset Fishing Insurance Company for extension of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Hingham and Cohasset Fishing Insurance Co. •

Mr. Frost presented a petition of Gardner Ohlson and others, in aid of that of Ellis Packard and others. Referred to the committee on Railways. Ellis Packard et als.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Tarbox was excused, at his own request, from serving on the special committee on the petition of A. G. Stimson; and Mr. Smith was appointed in his place. A. G. Stimson.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature; and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers, and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives;

Making appropriations for the expenses of the State almshouses, the State prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Massachusetts Nautical School, the Industrial School for

Bills.

Girls, and for other purposes, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Open stairways, etc.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Manufactures be requested to report a bill compelling all owners and occupants of buildings having open stairways, hatchways or hoistways, to guard the same by railing, strong enough, close enough and high enough to protect the life and limbs of those that may come in their vicinity, with suitable penalties and liabilities for damages.

Admission fees at the State prison.

Also, that the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill prohibiting the collection of admission fees from visitors to the state prison.

Charles River bridges.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of requiring the counties of Suffolk and Middlesex to pay the expenses of maintaining the bridges over Charles River.

Donald Kennedy et als.

A petition of William Whiting and others, in aid of that of Donald Kennedy and others; and

Middlesex R. R. Co.

A petition of Francis Thompson and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company, were referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Daniel Holt et als.

A petition of Nathaniel Trull and others, in aid of that of Daniel Holt and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Daniel W. Fuller.

A petition of Daniel W. Fuller for authority to construct a wharf at Magnolia Point, Gloucester, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Thomas H. Smith.

A petition of Thomas H. Smith, President of St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital and Infirmary, for a grant from the State in aid of said institution, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Edward Freeman et als.

A petition of Edward Freeman and others, and the trustees of the Essex Agricultural Society, severally, for amendment of the act of last year concerning the taxation of bank shares, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Robert Bower et als.

A petition of Robert Bower and others that ten hours' labor may constitute a day's work, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Engineers of steam boilers.

Petitions of

Joseph Estabrooks and others;

John W. Loud and others;

Francis A. Perry and others; and

Thomas Allan and others, severally, for the passage of a law requiring engineers of steam boilers to be examined

before taking charge of the same, were severally referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Remonstrances of Rufus C. Wood and others, and Otis Johnson and others, severally, against the annexation of Brookline to the city of Boston, were referred to the committee on Towns. W. A. Humphrey et al.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills— Bills.

To authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water scrip;

Relating to the road known as the Cross Dam, in the city of Boston;

To authorize C. C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury;

To authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate;

To incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Street Railway Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association was laid on the table.

The report of the committee of the Judiciary on the order relative to further protection of the rights of boarding-house keepers was accepted. Protection of boarding-house keepers.

The report on so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks, was accepted, in concurrence. Savings banks.

An engrossed bill, in addition to an act, making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year (which originated in the House), passed, and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Bill enacted and to Governor.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the House bills, Appropriations.

Making appropriations for expenses of the State almshouses, the State prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Massachusetts Nautical School, the Industrial School for Girls, and for other purposes;

To establish the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Legislature, Compensation of the preacher of the election sermon et al.

1b. Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature; and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes; reported that the same, severally, ought to pass; and they were severally read a second and a third time, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Samuel Ingalls et als.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the petition of Samuel Ingalls and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Union Freight Railway Co.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railway Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Thomas Russell et al.

Mr. Whitney presented a petition of Thomas Russell and another, for an extension of time within which to commence and complete the Cape Cod Ship Canal. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Randolph.

Mr. Carpenter presented a remonstrance of the town of Randolph against a division of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Amesbury R. R. Co.

A petition from the Amesbury Railroad Company for an extension of charter, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Worcester and Shrewsbury Street R. R. Co.

A petition of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company for an extension of charter and change of location, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Donald Kennedy et als.

Also, a petition of W. B. B. Childs and others, in aid of that of Donald Kennedy and others.

Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

A petition of the Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen for authority to hold additional property, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mayor of Chelsea.

A petition of the mayor of Chelsea for the passage of a law providing for the more equitable maintenance of Chelsea Bridge; and

C. C. Wright et als.

A petition of C. C. Wright and others; and

Petitions of Charles Holt and others, David Tyler and others, L. W. Fish and others, and Eliphalet Trask and others, severally, in aid of the same, that the bridge over Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield may be made free, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

A petition of Leonard Bailey and others, for the repeal of the act of 1867 relating to fisheries in Merrimack River, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Leonard Bailey et als.

Remonstrances of

J. Q. A. Lothrop and others ;

Charles T. Dixon and others ; and

Almon Darling and others, severally, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston, were referred to the committee on Towns. Brookline.

A petition of Bryan J. Botts and others, in aid of that of the Boston Eight Hour League, was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Boston Eight Hour League.

A bill in relation to the sealing of weights and measures, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Sealing weights and measures.

A petition of the Cary Improvement Company for relief from alleged unjust taxation, was referred to the committee on Expenditures. Cary Improvement Co.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Sheldon presented a petition of John Sanderson and others for a grant in aid of "Powers Institute." Referred to the committee on Education. John Sanderson et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop to sell certain real estate ;

To incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company ;

In relation to reports and returns from jails and houses of correction ;

Incorporating the North Avenue Savings Bank ;

To amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston ; and Bills.

The resolve making appropriations for repairs of the state prison, were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading. State prison.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water scrip, was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed. Worcester.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate;

To incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Street Railway Company, were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Cross Dam
in the city of
Boston.

The bill relating to the road known as the Cross Dam, in the city of Boston, was read a second time, amended and passed over.

Bills
enacted and
to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval; to wit:—

To change the name of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company.

To amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union.

Papers from the House.

Birds.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 304, of the acts of 1870, to aid in the preservation of birds, so that the same may read, in the second line, "between the first day of January and the fourth day of July, in every year."

Arlington
Street
Church.

Mr. Safford, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the proprietors of the Arlington Street Church to convey real estate; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Arlington
Street
Church.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the bill to authorize the proprietors of Arlington Street Church to convey real estate; and

George H.
Johnston.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of George H. Johnston, severally reported that the same ought to pass, and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

Fitchburg.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of Alvah Crocker and others, reported

A bill to establish the city of Fitchburg.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John C. Leighton, reported

Assistant clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston.

A bill to increase the number of assistant clerks in the municipal court of the city of Boston, for criminal business; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sheldon, from the committee on Prisons, on the order in relation to the receiving of fees for admission to the state prison; and

Admission fees to the State prison.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to extending the provisions of the lien law to livery and boarding-stable keepers, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Lien law.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the statutes relating to the recording of attachments and liens on real estate.

Recording of attachments and liens on real estate.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the trustees of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital for a grant in aid of said institution. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Mr. Learnard presented a petition of Laban S. Beecher and others, in aid of that of Donald Kennedy and others. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Donald Kennedy et als.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam, in Boston and Charlestown Harbors (new draft of bill in relation to steamboats navigating the harbor of Boston) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston Harbor.

A remonstrance of John Eaton and others against the petition of George B. Talbot and others; and

George B. Talbot et als.

Remonstrances of

T. L. Barney and others; and

W. A. Humphrey et als.

James Chickering and others, severally against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, were referred to the committee on Towns.

A petition of Ichabod Sampson and others, in aid of that of Donald Kennedy and others, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Donald Kennedy et als.

A petition of William Birnie and others, in aid of that of

J. L. Worthy et als.

J. L. Worthy and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Heman C.
Woodward.

A petition of Heman C. Woodward for state aid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mill River
Reservoir Co.

A bill to unite and consolidate the Mill River Reservoir Company and the Williamsburg Reservoir Company, and for other purposes, was read and referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Leonard
Bailey et als.

Petitions of J. W. Weeks and others, and T. H. Balch and others, severally, in aid of that of Leonard Bailey and others, were referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

A petition of Joseph F. Paul and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Ellis Packard
et als.

A petition of Guildford White and others, in aid of that of Ellis Packard and others; and

Bills.

Bills,

To provide for the selling, purchasing and leasing railroads;

To incorporate the Boston, Swampscott and Lynn Railroad Company, were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

C. C. Hine.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate bill to authorize C. C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury, was read a second and third time, and amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Methodist
Episcopal
Church in
Winthrop.

The Senate bill to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop to sell certain real estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Spencer
Hotel Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Returns
from jails
and houses
of correction.

The Senate bill in relation to reports and returns from jails and houses of correction, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

North
Avenue Sav-
ings Bank.

The Senate bill incorporating the North Avenue Savings Bank, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve making appropriations for repairs and improvements of the state prison, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill relating to the road known as the Cross Dam, in the city of Boston, was read a third time.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk proposed an amendment to said bill, pending the consideration of which, the whole subject was recommitted to the committee on Public Lands.

The report on the order relative to the dissolving of mechanics' liens, was laid on the table.

The report, on the petition of Samuel Ingalls and others, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To establish the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers, and pages of the Legislature.

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature; and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers, and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 8, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—
Superintendents of roads. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation authorizing selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—
Purchase of sewing machine, &c., under lease. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary for the better protection of parties purchasing, under lease, sewing machines, furniture or other articles.

Sessions of the General Court. Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A resolve to amend the constitution relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Hingham Public Library. Mr. Humphrey presented a petition of the trustees of the Hingham Public Library for an act of incorporation. Referred to the committee on Education,

Middlesex R. R. Co. Mr. Long presented a petition of Timothy T. Sawyer and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Donald Kennedy et aln. Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of Charles C. Barry and others, in aid of that of Donald Kennedy and others. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Joseph Wood. A report of the committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Joseph Wood, guardian, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Notaries public. A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill relating to notaries public, was accepted in concurrence.

Flats. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Harbors consider the expediency of repealing so much of section 4, chapter 149 of the acts of 1866, as requires compensation to be made for tide-water displaced by any structure or filling of flats thereafter authorized by the Legislature; also, of repealing such portions of special acts, passed subsequently, as requires compensation to be made for tide-waters displaced by any specific structure or filling.

Dog licenses. Also, that the committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 180 of the laws of 1867, that no license shall be required for dogs under three months old.

Also, of amending section 5 of the same chapter, so that the party complaining shall be an inhabitant of the place where the license is payable.

And also, that no complaint shall be made, after a license certificate has been issued, for keeping dogs before the issuing of the same, and after the thirtieth day of April.

A bill concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad, was referred to the committee on Railways, in concurrence. Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad.

A petition of F. Chillingworth and others, in aid of that of the Boston Eight Hour League, was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Boston Eight Hour League.

A petition of the trustees of the Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science, for a change in the law of last year concerning the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the committee on that subject. Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science.

A petition of Samuel Boyd and others for authority to build a railroad from Worcester to Shrewsbury, was referred to the committee on Railways. Samuel Boyd et als

A petition of Thomas Clark and others, in aid of that of Donald Kennedy and others, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Donald Kennedy et als.

A petition of Simon H. White and others for a removal of the Highland Agricultural Society to the town of Hinsdale, was referred to the committee on Agriculture. Simon H. White et als.

Remonstrances of

F. A. Hobart and others ; and

Ezra W. Taft and others, severally against the petition for the annexation of Brookline to Boston, were severally referred to the committee on Towns. Brookline.

A petition of the Universalist Publishing House of Boston for an act of incorporation ; and Universalist Publishing House.

A petition of Horatio Alger and others for an act of incorporation as the Eliot Historical and Natural History Society, were referred to the committee on Education. Horatio Alger et als.

A petition of Walter D. Nichols and others for authority to build a bridge across Taunton River, between the towns of Berkley and Dighton, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Walter D. Nichols et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To increase the number of assistant clerks in the municipal court of the city of Boston for criminal business ;

To regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam, in Boston and Charlestown Harbors ; and Bills.

George H.
Johnston.

The resolve in favor of George H. Johnston, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Arlington
Street
Church.

The bill to authorize the proprietors of the Arlington Street Church to convey real estate, was read a second time and passed over.

Admission
fees to the
state prison.

The report on the order relative to forbidding the taking of fees for admission of visitors to the state prison, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Lien law.

The report on the order relative to extending the provisions of the lien law to livery and boarding-stable keepers, was accepted.

J. F. Dodge
et als.

A petition of J. F. Dodge and others for authority to build a bridge across Neponset River, from Commercial Point to Squantum, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Andrew J.
Hall et als.

A petition of Andrew J. Hall and others for a modification of the laws concerning the taxation of bank shares, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on that subject.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Metacomet
Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, on the petition of Charles H. Dean and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Metacomet Fire Insurance Company.

Samuel
Downer,

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of Samuel Downer, reported

A bill to authorize Samuel Downer to extend one wharf and build another in Hingham Harbor.

Benjamin
Evans.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Benjamin Evans, reported

A resolve in favor of Benjamin Evans; and these bills and resolve were severally read, and the bills ordered to a second reading, and the resolve referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mileage.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, to whom was referred the order relative to reducing the mileage of the members of the Legislature, reported, asking to

be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join; and the report was accepted, and Messrs. Stickney, Whitney of Worcester, and Learnard were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Gardner of Nantucket, Woodward of Hubbardston, Putnam of Hopkinton, Baldwin of Worcester, Murray of Pittsfield, and Patch of Boston are joined.

Mr. Wakefield, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Wollaston Land and Building Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Wollaston
Land and
Building Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Richard Borden and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Thomas J.
Borden et
als.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society for authority to hold real estate.

Worcester
County
Horticult-
ural Society.

Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The same senator presented a petition of James W. White and others, that the town of Grafton may be included within the proposed Worcester Central Judicial District. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

James W.
White et als.

Papers from the House.

The Senate bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock, came up recommitted to the committee on Insurance, with instructions to consider the expediency of extending the provisions of general laws to marine insurance companies; and the Senate concurred in said recommitment.

National In-
surance Co.

A memorial of a committee of a public meeting of the citizens of Malden, held in relation to the management of certain railroads, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railways, with instructions to hear the parties thereon.

Malden.

A petition of the First Church of Charlestown for a modi-

First Church
of Charles-
town.

fication of the act of last year concerning the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the joint special committee on the taxation of Bank Shares.

Severally in concurrence.

Assistant
Clerk.

A communication was received from the Clerk, announcing that he had appointed Mr. Hilton F. Hosmer Assistant Clerk of the Senate for the present session. And his appointment being ratified by the Senate, he was qualified by taking the requisite oaths of office.

Fitchburg.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate the city of Fitchburg was passed over.

Constitution

The resolve to amend the Constitution relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report on the petition of Joseph Hood was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Arlington
Street
Church.
Municipal
Court of the
city of Bos-
ton.
George H.
Johnston.

The bill to authorize the proprietors of Arlington Street Church to convey real estate, was ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to increase the number of assistant clerks in the municipal court of the city of Boston for criminal business; and the Senate resolve in favor of George H. Johnston, were read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Steam vessels
in Charle-
stown and
Boston har-
bors.

The House bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam in Boston and Charlestown Harbors, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Register of
deeds for
Suffolk
County.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill to authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant.

Eastern
R. R. Co.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on railways, on the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, reported

A bill relating to the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company, upon its Saugus Branch Railroad.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the same committee, on the petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company, reported Boston, Barre, and Gardner R. R. Company.

A bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Gardner to Winchendon.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported Supreme Judicial Court.

A bill to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court before their publication in the reports; and those bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Benjamin Evans; and Benjamin Evans.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of the city of Charlestown, severally reported that the resolves ought to pass, and they were severally ordered to a second reading. Charlestown.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the District Court of Northern Worcester; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. District Court of Northern Worcester.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to exempt Grove Hill Seminary from taxation, reported, asking to be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Expenditures; and the report, being considered, was accepted, and the bill sent to the House for concurrence in the reference. Grove Hill Seminary.

The following order was read and referred to the committee on Printing:— Report of the Harbor Commissioners.

Ordered, That 2,500 extra copies of the report of the Harbor Commissioners be printed, 500 of which shall be for the use of the Harbor Commissioners, and the remainder for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 110 of the acts of 1871, in relation to the adoption of children. Adoption of children.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the law, that the next term of the Superior Court for criminal business, in and for the county of Middlesex, may be held in Lowell. Superior Court for the County of Middlesex.

Methodist
Episcopal
Church,
Springfield.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street, Springfield, for a change of corporate name. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Stetson
School Fund
of Randolph.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund of Randolph for a modification of the law concerning taxation of bank shares. Referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

William Mur-
nane et als.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of William Murnane and others for an act of incorporation as the Fitchburg Catholic Benevolent Society. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

I. S. Craft et
als.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of I. S. Craft and others for an act of incorporation as a "Family Hotel Company." Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Worcester
Academy.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of the Trustees of the Worcester Academy for authority to hold additional real and personal estate.

Athol and
Enfield R. R.
Co.

Mr. Woods presented a petition of Willis Phelps and others, in behalf of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company, for authority to extend its road.

Thomas J.
Borden
et als.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of George I. Rice and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others; and

Ib.

A petition of Ira M. Sherman and others, in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

William
Olevery et
als.

Mr. Humphrey presented a remonstrance of Wilmot Cleverly and others against the annexation of Brookline to Boston. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Clerk of the
police court
of Fitchburg.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg for an increase of salary. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Public li-
braries.

A bill for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjutant-
General's
office.

A bill relating to the Adjutant-General's office, was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs, in concurrence.

State
Arsenal.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs, on the condition of the property at the State Arsenal, was accepted in concurrence.

A petition of Cook, Jordan & Morse for the right to build wharves bordering on the channels of Neponset River and Mill Creek, in Neponset, was referred to the committee on Harbors. Cook, Jordan, & Morse.

A petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for authority to increase its capital stock, was referred to the committee on Railways. Fitchburg R. R. Co.

A petition of Edward J. Jones for repayment of expenses incurred in his defence against certain charges investigated by the Legislature of 1871, was referred to the committee on Claims. Edward J. Jones.

A petition of James Freeman Clarke and others for a declaratory statute that women are entitled to hold office in the Commonwealth, was referred to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage. James Freeman Clarke, et als.

A petition of the selectmen of Milford for authority to take and convey water to Mount Vernon Grove Cemetery in said town; and Milford.

A petition of Thomas Cole and others for an act of incorporation as the Mutual Relief Association of West Roxbury, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Thomas Cole et als.

A petition of C. Dyer and others for authority to build a horse railroad from East Randolph to West Bridgewater; and a petition of H. W. Robinson and others, in aid of the same; and C. Dyer, et als.

Petitions of W. Eliot and others, and S. S. Rand and others, severally in aid of that of Donald Kennedy and others, were referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Donald Kennedy et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To authorize Samuel Downer and others to extend one wharf and build another, in Hingham Harbor;

To incorporate the Metacomet Fire Insurance Company of Fall River;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the city of Fitchburg, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading. Fitchburg.

The Senate bill to authorize the proprietors of the Arlington Street Church to convey real estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Arlington Street Church.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution. Constitution.

Constitution.

tion, relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court, was read a third time; and the question then being on agreeing to the passage of said resolve, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Boardman,
Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griggs,
Hewes,	Humphrey,	Johnson,
Learnard,	Lobdell,	Long,
Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,
Richardson,	Smith,	Stickney,
Tarbox,	Thayer, S.,	Torrey,
Wakefield,	Woods,	Wright.—27.

NAYS.—Messrs. Coe,	Frost,	Potter,
Safford,	Thayer, A.,	Wallace,
Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell.—9.

So the resolve and article of amendment were agreed to, and are as follows:—

Resolved, By both houses, the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senate and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives, present and voting thereon, that it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth by adopting the subjoined article of amendment; and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the journals of the two houses, with the yeas and nays thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen; and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification, in order that it may become a part of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Article of Amendment.

Unless the General Court shall have been prorogued, at its own request, prior to the last Saturday of April, in each year, the Governor shall then prorogue the same.

Bills
enacted and
to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Somerville.

To extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Street Railway Company.

To authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate. Bills enacted and to Gov.

To authorize the Stoneham Street Railway Company to lease its road.

Making appropriations for expenses of the State almshouses, the Reform School at Westborough, the Massachusetts Nautical School, the Industrial School for Girls, and for other purposes.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad be authorized to visit the tunnel and railroad, to examine into the condition and progress of the work. Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the directors of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, for aid from the State. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. N. E. Hospital for Women and Children.

Mr. Long presented a petition of E. L. Norton and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Middlesex R. R. Co.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of James T. Ames and others, in relation to the trustees of the School Fund in the town of Chicopee. Referred to the committee on Education. Chicopee, Trustees of the School Fund in.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of George W. Dunham and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others. Referred to the committee on Railways. Thomas J. Borden et al.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of Henry M. Burt and others, in aid of that of J. H. Morton and others. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. J. H. Morton et al.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of Phineas Stedman and others, for the construction of a free bridge across the Connecticut River from Chicopee and Holyoke. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Phineas Stedman et al.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported

Superintend-
ents of roads.

A bill to authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads.

Amherst
College.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Medford.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water fund bonds; and a petition of said town in relation to the same subject, reported that the bill ought to pass.

County
buildings of
Berkshire
County.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the county commissioners of Berkshire County to appropriate money in payment for the new county buildings at Pittsfield, reported the same without amendment; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

Purchase of
sewing ma-
chines under
lease.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the order relative to the purchase of sewing machines under lease, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Larnard,—

Charles
Bradley.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Charles Bradley of Tisbury, the sum of ten dollars, as mileage, at the present session of the Legislature, in addition to the sum already paid.

Lancaster.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of the selectmen of Lancaster, that the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may be required to make certain changes and repairs. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank (on the petition of Nathan Canterbury and others);

To increase the capital stock of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Treat Savings
Bank.

A bill to incorporate the Treat Savings Bank, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

A bill concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors, was referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law. Intoxicating
Liquors.

A bill to authorize Abel Story, of Essex, to construct a wharf, was referred to the committee on Harbors. Abel Story.

A bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Merrimac Street Railway, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Merrimac
Street Rail-
way.

Severally in concurrence.

A petition of J. O. Moseley and others for protection of a dike in West Springfield, came up referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges, in accordance with a report of the committee on Towns thereon; and the Senate non-concurred therein, and the petition was returned to the House. J. O. Moseley
et als.

A petition of the Amherst Gas Light Company for an extension of time within which to organize said company, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Amherst Gas
Light Co.

A petition of the Hingham Institution for Savings for the refunding of a tax overpaid, was referred to the joint special committee on the taxation of Bank Shares. Hingham
Institution
for Savings.

A petition in aid of that of C. C. Wright and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges; also, C. C. Wright
et als.

A petition of William Mattoon and others, in aid of that of J. L. Worthy and others. J. L. Worthy
et als.

● A petition of John Osgood and others for the repeal of the act of 1867 regulating the fisheries in Merrimac River, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. John Osgood
et als.

Petitions of Jesse P. Goff and others, and C. W. Greene and others, severally in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others, were referred to the committee on Railways. Thomas J.
Borden et
als.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Potter moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the resolve to amend the Constitution relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court, was agreed to; and the motion, being considered, was determined as follows:— Constitu-
tion.

YEAS.—Messrs. Coe, Humphrey, Safford, Wallace, Woodwell—13.	Frost, Johnson, Thayer, A., Whitney, B. D.,	Fuller, Potter, Thayer, S., Whitney, J. S.,
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NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Boardman, Carpenter, Hewes, Long, Pike,	Baker, Bradley, Giles, Learnard, Noble, Richardson,	Bartholomew, Brewster, Griggs, Lobdell, Parsons, Sheldon,
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NAYS.—Messrs. Smith,
Torrey,
Wright.—25.

Stickney,
Wakefield,

Tarbox,
Woods,

So the Senate refused to reconsider, and the resolve was sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant;

To provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court before their publication in the Reports;

Relating to the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company, upon its Saugus Branch Railroad; and

Resolves.

The resolves,

In favor of the city of Charlestown;

In favor of Benjamin Evans;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

**Samuel
Downer.**

The Senate bill to authorize Samuel Downer to extend one wharf and build another in Hingham Harbor, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Metacomet
Fire Ins. Co.**

The Senate bill to incorporate the Metacomet Fire Insurance Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Fitchburg.

The Senate bill to incorporate the city of Fitchburg, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

**Boston,
Barre, and
Gardner R.
R. Co.**

The bill to authorize the Boston, Barre, and Gardner Railroad Corporation to extend its railroad to Winchendon, was read a second time.

Mr. Frost proposed to amend the bill, by inserting, at the end of section 3, the following words, to wit: "But said railroad shall not, in any case, cross at grade any other railroad." And the question, on the adoption of this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,
Bradley,
Fuller,
Learnard,
Richardson,
Torrey,
Woodwell.—19.

Baker,
Carpenter,
Giles,
Lobdell,
Safford,
Wakefield,

Boardman,
Frost,
Hewes,
Long,
Sheldon,
Whitney, J. S.,

NIYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Griggs, Humphrey,
Johnson, Noble, Parsons,
Pike, Thayer, A., Thayer, S.,
Whitney, B. D., Woods.—11.

So the amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

An engrossed bill (which originated in the House) to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston, passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

The Senate bill authorizing the formation of railroad corporations, came up concurred, with certain amendments; and the same was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed, as proposed to be amended by the House.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 8, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the charter of the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Griggs, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the First District Court of Eastern Worcester, and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pike presented a petition of Henry Cutler and others for the reënactment of the law of 1867 concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Referred to the joint special committee on the subject.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A resolve providing for ventilating the room occupied by the committee on Railways, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railways.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance be authorized to consider and report such general

or amendatory laws, relating to matters of insurance,*as they may deem necessary ;

Representative districts.

Also, that a committee, of six on the part of the Senate and thirteen on the part of the House, be appointed to consider and report a plan of districting the State, under the new apportionment for representatives to Congress.

Thomas Timothy.

A petition of Thomas Timothy for State aid on account of military services, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Woman suffrage.

A petition of Mrs. M. J. Burney and others, that the right of suffrage be granted to women, was referred to the committee on that subject.

Middlesex R. R. Co.

A petition of Phineas Pierce and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Thomas J. Borden et als.

A petition of James Buffinton and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Holbrook.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of E. N. Holbrook and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the town of Holbrook.

Intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Coe, from the joint special committee on the Liquor Law, on the petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, reported

A bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Ib.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of Nathan Durfee and others, the Massachusetts State Temperance Alliance, Reuben Bacon and others, and so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject, reported

A bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Everett.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the town of Everett, reported a bill to authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete its water works.

Law Institute of Chicago.

Mr. Sheldon, from the committee on the Library, on the resolve to furnish certain laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago, reported the same in a new draft.

Vessel of the Mass Nautical School.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the State Charities, reported

A bill to authorize the discontinuance of the use of the vessel of the Massachusetts Nautical School, and the sale thereof; and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School; and these bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance be requested to inquire into the expediency of requiring foreign insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, to invest a proportion of the premiums received in this Commonwealth in public securities therein.

Investments made by foreign insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,—

Ordered, That the committee on Horse Railways consider the expediency of reporting a general law for the formation of street railway corporations.

Street railway corporations.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 148 of the General Statutes, in such a manner as to define more particularly the powers and duties of the commissioners therein named.

Improving meadows and swamps.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Fitchburg R. R. Co.

Mr. Humphrey presented a petition of the proprietors of the Green Harbor marshes for amendment of the act of last year for the improvement of said marshes. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Green Harbor marshes.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Torrey, the note whereby the Senate non-concurred in the reference of the petition of J. O. Moseley and others to the committee on Roads and Bridges was reconsidered, and thereupon the Senate concurred in said reference.

J. O. Moseley et al.

The bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, was taken from the table, and the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House, in section 5.

Authorizing the formation of railroad corporations.

The question then being on adopting the amendment proposed striking out section 7, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bradley,
Noble,
Smith,
Thayer, A.,
Woods.—18.

Fuller,
Parsons,
Stickney,
Thayer, S.,

Johnson,
Potter,
Tarbox,
Whitney, B. D.,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Boardman,	Carpenter,
Giles,	Hewes,	Learnard,
Long,	Pike,	Richardson,
Sheldon,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Wallace,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell,
Wright—21.		

So the Senate non-concurred in said amendment.

The Senate also non-concurred in an amendment proposing a substitute for section 9 of the bill; and the bill was returned to the House.

Fitchburg. On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the vote whereby the bill to incorporate the city of Fitchburg passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was thereupon further amended and again passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mechanics' Liens. The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the dissolving of mechanics' liens, was taken from the table, and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Bills. The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water fund bonds;

To authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Berkshire to appropriate money in payment for the new county buildings;

To incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank;

To increase the capital stock of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof; and

Sewing machines purchased under lease. The report on the order relative to the purchase of sewing machines or other articles, under lease, were severally laid on the table.

Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Co. The bill to authorize the Boston, Barre, and Gardner Railroad Corporation to extend its railroad from Gardner to Winchendon, was passed over.

Register of deeds for the county of Suffolk. The Senate bill to authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court, before their publication in the Reports, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Supreme
Judicial
Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill relating to the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company upon its Saugus Branch Railroad, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Eastern Rail-
road Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve in favor of Benjamin Evans was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Benjamin
Evans.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve in favor of the city of Charlestown, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Charlestown.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the bill to protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown,—(from the files of last year,)—reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Fisheries in
Edgartown.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the bill relating to the Adjutant-General's office, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Adjutant-
General's
office.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order for printing additional copies of the annual report of the Harbor Commissioners, reported that the same should be adopted; and the report, being considered, was accepted, and the order adopted.

Harbor Com-
missioners.

On motion of Mr. Safford,—

Ordered, That the Special Committee on the petition of Augustus G. Stimson have authority to send for persons and papers.

Augustus G.
Stimson.

N. E. Moral
Reform So-
ciety.

Mr. Thayer presented a petition of the New England Moral Reform Society for a grant in aid of said institution.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Fitchburg
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

The Senate bill to authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate, came up concurred, with an amendment which was adopted in concurrence.

Resolves.

Resolves,

In favor of Timothy Murphy ;

In favor of Luke Worthley—severally on the petitions of the same—were read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Municipal
court for the
southern
district of
Boston.

A bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the municipal court for the Southern District of Boston, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports.

Reports,

Granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Railways, on the petition of Levi Heywood and others ;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the inspection of rough leather and calf-skins, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Minor chil-
dren sup-
ported by
cities and
towns.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 370 of the acts of 1871.

Also, of repealing section 6 of chapter 359 of the acts of 1870.

Rabbits.

Also, that the committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of passing a law prohibiting any person or persons from hunting rabbits with ferrets.

Chelsea
Bridge.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of authorizing the draw at the northerly end of Chelsea Bridge to be constructed with a width similar to that of other bridges over Mystic River.

Henry
Villard et
als.

A petition of Henry Villard and others for an act of incorporation as the Massachusetts Mortgage Insurance Company, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Thomas J.
Borden et
als.

A petition of Jonathan T. Lincoln and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others ; and

A petition of H. N. Case and others that the city of Springfield may be authorized to take stock in the Springfield and North-Eastern Railroad Company, were referred to the committee on Railways. H. N. Case
et als.

A petition of Oliver R. Clark and others that the town of Winchester may be authorized to take water from Wedge Pond; and Oliver R.
Clark
et als.

A remonstrance of Emery L. Bemis and others against the petition of the town of Concord to take water from Sandy Pond, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Concord.

A petition of William Northey and others for a change in the law concerning the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject. William
Northey et
als.

A remonstrance of W. A. Brooks and others against the petition of John B. Nichols and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. John B.
Nichols et
als.

A petition of John W. Fletcher and others that railroad companies may be prohibited from crossing Chelsea Bridge with their tracks at grade; and a petition of Edward A. Budge and others in aid of the same; and John W.
Fletcher et
als.

A remonstrance of Howard Burnham and others against any further obstruction to travel on said bridge, were referred to the committee on Harbors. Howard
Burnham et
als.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Eastern Harbor Meadow proprietors, reported

A resolve in relation to the flats and meadows in East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro. East Harbor
Creek in
Provincetown.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the order relative to the payment for annual feasts of any military company; and also whether intoxicating liquors were served at such feasts, and paid for by the Commonwealth, reported Compensation
for military
escort.

A bill concerning compensation for military escorts; also

A resolve concerning the annual election sermon; and the bill and resolves were read and ordered to a second reading. Annual election
sermon.

Mr. Humphrey presented a petition of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings for a change of name. Weymouth
and Braintree
Institution for
Savings.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of the Warden and Grace
Church in
Newton.

Vestry of Grace Church in Newton, for authority to sell certain real estate.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete their water works ;

To authorize the discontinuance of the use of the vessel of the Massachusetts Nautical School, and the sale thereof, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School ;

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ; and

Law Institute of Chicago.

The resolve to furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Holbrook.

The bill to incorporate the town of Holbrook, was read a second time, and assigned for consideration on Tuesday next.

Intoxicating liquors.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read a second time and assigned for consideration on Wednesday next.

Medford.

The Senate bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water bonds, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence,

Came up concurred.

Superintendents of roads.

The Senate bill to authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads, was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

County buildings at Pittsfield.

The Senate bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Berkshire to appropriate money in payment for the new county buildings at Pittsfield, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank ;

To increase the capital stock of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Boston, Barre, and Gardner R. R. Co.

The bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Gardner to

Winchendon, was next considered, the question being on ordering the same to be engrossed.

Mr. Tarbox proposed an amendment thereto, pending the consideration of which, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The report on the order in relation to the dissolving of mechanics' liens, was accepted. Mechanics' liens.

An engrossed bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam in Boston and Charlestown harbors, which originated in the House, passed to be enacted. Bill enacted and to Gov.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of George B. Talbot and others, reported Norwood.

A bill to incorporate the town of Norwood; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading on Tuesday next.

Mr. Wright, on leave, introduced a bill for supplying the town of Wakefield with water; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Wakefield.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Noble presented a petition of R. P. Crafts and others for an act of incorporation as the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Holyoke. R. P. Crafts et als.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Long presented a petition of John N. Devereux and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Middlesex R. R. Co.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

To authorize the Taunton Branch Railroad Company to increase its capital stock (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to construct tracks to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton (on the pe-

Bills.

tition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Lighting
passenger
cars.

A bill in addition to an act concerning the lighting of railroad passenger cars, was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Somerville.

A bill to authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

National
Glass Insur-
ance Co.

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the National Glass Insurance Company, was read and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Appropriations.

A bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

H. F. Payton
et als.

A petition of H. F. Payton and others for an act of incorporation as the Boston Loan and Trust Company, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

John W.
Fletcher et
als.

A petition of Isaac Stebbins and others, in aid of that of John W. Fletcher and others, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Concord.

A remonstrance of Warren F. Emerson and others against the petition of the town of Concord to take water from Sandy Pond, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Walter D.
Nichols et
als.

Petitions of

George Richmond and others ; and

George D. Williams and others, severally in aid of that of Walter D. Nichols and others ; and

G. E. Page
et als.

A petition of G. E. Page and others for a free bridge between Springfield and West Springfield, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petitions.

Petitions of

Jonathan Morrill and others ; and

Samuel Carr and others, severally for the repeal of the act of 1867, relative to the fisheries in Merrimack River ; and

Mayor of
New Bedford

A petition of the mayor of New Bedford for the passage of a law to prevent the trespassing on the storing reservoir connected with the water works in that city, were severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Severally in concurrence.

Edgartown.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown ; and

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The resolve in relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

East Harbor
Creek in
Provincetown and
Truro.

The bill relating to the adjutant-general's office, was, in accordance with the report of the committee on the same, rejected.

Adjutant-General.

The Senate bill to authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete their water works was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Everett.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize the discontinuance of the use of the vessel of the Massachusetts Nautical School and the sale thereof; and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Mass. Nautical School.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Intoxicating liquors.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve to furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Law Institute of Chicago.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House report on the petition of Levi Heywood and others; and on the order relative to the inspection of rough leather and calf-skins, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Reports.

The act to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam in Boston and Charlestown harbors, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Vessels propelled by steam in Boston and Charlestown Harbors.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Safford from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen for leave to hold additional property, reported

Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

A bill to authorize said society to hold additional real and personal estate; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Charles River
Bridge.

Mr. Brewster, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the bill in relation to Charles River Bridge, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was accordingly ordered to a second reading.

Second
Hawes Con-
gregational
Society.

Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Old Colony
and Newport
Railway Co.

Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharves in Somerset; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mount Pleasant
Cemetery in Ar-
lington

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Brewster,—

Free bridges
over the Con-
necticut
River.

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges inquire into the expediency of providing by law that no person shall ride or drive animals upon free bridges over Connecticut River faster than a walk.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,—

State print-
ing.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider and report some plan for the execution of the public printing after the expiration of the existing contract.

On motion of Mr. Wallace,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing or amending section 1 of chapter 379 of the laws of the year 1871, and section 1 of chapter 328 of the laws of the year 1868.

On motion of Mr. Safford,—

Assistant
register of
deeds for the
county of
Essex.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing the appointment of an assistant register of deeds for the Southern District of the county of Essex.

Thomas J.
Borden et
alia.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Jefferson Borden and others in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others.

The same senator presented a petition of Crawford E. Lindsey and others in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others. Earl P. Mason et als.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Humphrey presented a remonstrance of Edwin Pratt and others against the annexation of Brookline to Boston. W. A. Humphrey et als.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad,—in a new draft,—was read and ordered to a second reading. Mass. Central R. R.

A bill to authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water-fund bonds, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Malden.

A bill in relation to the election of superintendents of schools in cities, was read and referred to the committee on Education. Superintendents of schools.

A petition of Daniel Denny and others in aid of that of the asylum for discharged female prisoners, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Asylum for discharged female prisoners.

A petition of Asa Willard and others for the connection of the tracks of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company, and the Connecticut River Railroad Company in Holyoke, was referred to the committee on Railways. Asa Willard et als.

A remonstrance of Joseph O. Cole and others against the annexation of Brookline to Boston, was referred to the committee on Towns. Jos. O. Cole et als.

A petition of the New England Educational Society in relation to the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject. N. E. Educational Society.

A memorial of Amos Cummings for compensation for certain expenditures incurred while in the performance of military duty, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Amos Cummings.

A petition of Benjamin F. Simmons and others for an act authorizing the city council of Fall River to appoint a harbor master for the port of Fall River; and Benjamin F. Simmons et als.

A petition of the mayor and members of the city council of Haverhill, for authority to construct a wharf and extend the arch over Little River in said city, and for other purposes, were referred to the committee on Harbors. Haverhill.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills. The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation
to increase its capital stock ;

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to construct tracks to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Edgartown. The Senate bill to protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro. The Senate resolve in relation to the flats and marshes in East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Town of Norwood. Mr. Torrey from the committee on Towns, on petition of Geo. B. Talbot et als., reported a bill to incorporate the town of Norwood ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Saugus. Mr. Brewster, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Saugus, reported

A bill to relieve the town of Saugus from the support of a public highway ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Public Libraries. Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill for the preservation of books belonging to public libraries ; and

Luke Worthley. Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Luke Worthley, severally reported that the same ought to pass ; and they were accordingly ordered to a second reading.

Mount Tom and Easthampton R. R. Co. Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad Company to sell its railroad to the Connecticut River Railroad Company ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Henry Nickerson et als. Mr. Baker presented a petition of Henry Nickerson and others for authority to build a wharf in the town of Harwich.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Edmund Chace and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others.

Thomas J.
Borden et
als.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To reduce the capital stock of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company (on the petition of the same) ;

To extend the time for locating and completing the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad (on the petition of the same) ;

To extend the time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and materials and file its location (on the petition of the same) ;

To revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bill to authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads, came up referred to the committee on Towns, and the Senate concurred in the reference.

Superintend-
ents of roads.

A bill in addition to an act concerning dogs, was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Dogs.

A bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Salem.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve in favor of Timothy Murphy, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Timothy
Murphy.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Silverdale
Manufactur-
ing Co.

Mr. Frost, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

South Shore
Steamboat
Company.

Mr. Pike presented a memorial of the American Woman Suffrage Association that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, and for the abolition of all political distinctions between the sexes.

American
Woman Suf-
frage Associ-
ation.

Referred to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage.

Harmon
Barnes et al.

Mr. Sheldon presented a petition of Harmon Barnes and others that the town of Hawley may elect the whole board of its general school committee, annually.

Referred to the committee on Education.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Police court
of Spring-
field.

Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill to provide a clerk of the police court of Springfield; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Witnesses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 393 of the acts of 1870, in relation to witnesses.

Mass. Nauti-
cal School.

Mr. Fuller, under a suspension of the rule, moved a re-consideration of the vote whereby the bill to authorize the discontinuance of the use of the vessel of the Massachusetts Nautical School and the sale thereof, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School, passed to be engrossed; and the motion being considered, was carried in the affirmative, and the bill was then recommitted.

State aid for
soldiers and
sailors.

Mr. Pike presented petitions of

Frank A. Wall and others;

James M. Johnson and others;

Peter A. Sprague and others;

Theodore Bradford and others;

Charles N. Soule and others;

Levi Shaw and others;

George H. Baker and others;

William H. Carney and others;

A. B. Jones and others;

James A. Small and others;

Charles L. Moody and others;

A. S. Trowbridge and others;

Samuel Swinburne and others;

Robert S. Dennis and others;

H. F. H. Willer and others;

George H. Sylvester and others;

P. W. Tully and others;

George P. Richards and others; and

T. M. Kingman and others, severally, that destitute soldiers, sailors and marines may be relieved by cities and towns, without being designated as paupers. Sent down for concurrence.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Mass. Agricultural College.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of establishing by law a uniform tariff of rates for the transportation of passengers and freight over all railroads doing business in this State. Uniform tariff of rates for transportation over railroads.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of repealing chapter 187 of the acts of 1869, authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Mystic River. Mystic River.

Also, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire as to the expediency of further legislation, repealing or amending so much of chapter 198 of the acts of 1866, to establish a state workhouse, as authorizes the appointment of special trial justices, and trials before them of inmates of the state almshouses charged with certain offences. State workhouse.

A petition of Robert Channell for aid on account of injuries received while in the discharge of military duty, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Robert Channell.

A petition of the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian for aid from the state, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. House of the Angel Guardian.

Petitions of

The Children's Friend Society of Worcester; and

The treasurer of Leicester Academy, severally for a modification of the act concerning the taxation of bank shares, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject. Taxation of bank shares.

A petition of Thomas Harlow and another for authority to control a fishery in the town of Plymouth; and Thomas Harlow et al.

A petition of the selectmen of the town of South Scituate that the fisheries of North River may be exempt from the operation of the act of 1869, relative to the fisheries, were referred to the committee on the Fisheries. South Scituate.

A petition of Samuel M. Brown, mayor of Fall River, that the County Commissioners of Bristol County may be authorized to lay out a highway and construct a bridge across Taunton River; and Fall River.

A petition of Joseph A. Bowen and others in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others, were referred to the committee on Railways. Thomas J. Borden et al.

James McGrath et als.

A petition of James McGrath and others for an act of incorporation as the Immaculate Conception Temperance Benevolent Society ; and

Samuel L. Pratt et als.

A petition of Samuel L. Pratt and others for the passage of an act for the dissolution of the North Abington Coöperative Association ; and

Waltham.

A petition of the town of Waltham for authority to take water from Stony Brook and Charles River, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally in concurrence.

Concerning notice of hearings before committees.

An order from the House requiring chairmen of committees receiving from either House, a bill, order or petition, to give a hearing thereon, and to notify in writing the person offering said bill, order or petition, of the time and place of hearing thereon, was read and adopted.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Richardson, the vote whereby the order was adopted, was reconsidered, and the Senate non-concurred in the adoption thereof, and it was returned to the House.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to hold additional real and personal estate ;

In addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge ;

To extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

To incorporate the town of Norwood ;

Concerning compensation for military escorts ; and

Election sermon.

The resolve concerning the annual election sermon, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation to increase its capital stock ;

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to construct tracks to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Holbrook.

The bill to incorporate the town of Holbrook was further considered, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading ; and said question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Coe,	Fuller,	Giles,
Griggs,	Johnson,	Larnard,
Lobdell,	Parsons,	Potter,
Richardson,	Safford,	Smith,
Thayer, S.,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,	Woodwell,
Wright.—25.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Hewes,	Long,
Noble,	Pike,	Sheldon,
Smith,	Tarbox,	Wakefield,
Whitney, B. D.—10.		

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Giles, on leave, introduced a bill to revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Cabot Bank
of Chicopee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of George W. Cram, reported

Police court
of Fitchburg,
clerk of.

A bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the subject of Taxation of Bank Shares, on the petition of the Hingham Institution for Savings, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Claims; and the report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Hingham In-
stitution for
Savings.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Griggs presented a petition to John C. Whitin and others for the establishment of a savings bank in Whitinsville.

John C.
Whitin et
als.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

State almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson.

A bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson (or so much of the Governor's address as relates to state charities), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Winchester.

A bill for supplying the town of Winchester with pure water, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Union for Good Works in New Bedford.

A bill to incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford, was read and referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Melrose Savings Bank.

A bill to incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank (from the files of last year), was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally in concurrence.

State aid.

The following order was read and amended by substituting for the words "military affairs," the word "claims"; and as amended, adopted and sent down for concurrence in the amendment.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the necessity and expediency of extending the operation of chapter 172 of the acts of 1866, and chapter 136 of the acts of 1867, relating to state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain.

Agents of the Liquor Commissioner.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Liquor Law inquire and report upon what authority of law sub-agents of the Liquor Commissioner are selling spirituous liquors in various places in the city of Boston, and to what extent such liquors are sold by any one agent in different places within the city.

Woman suffrage.

A memorial of the American Woman's Suffrage Convention; and

Petitions of

Elizabeth M. Streeter and others;

Francis H. Turner and others; and

Lucy Stone and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

William Mattoon et als.

A petition of William Mattoon and others for an act of incorporation as the Springfield and Belchertown Railroad Company; and

Thomas J. Borden et als.

A petition of Augustus Chace and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others; and

Willis Phelps et als.

A petition of Willis Phelps and others for an extension of time within which to locate the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad; and

A petition of Levi Spaulding and others, in aid of that of Thomas Stacy and others, were referred to the committee on Railways. Thomas Stacy et als.

A remonstrance of E. F. Pease and others against the petition of Marcus Moore and others, was referred to the committee on Towns. Marcus Moore et als.

Petitions of

C. Edwin Miles and others ; and

John C. Cook, Jr., and others, severally for a change of name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association, were referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. C. Edwin Miles et als.

A petition of Howes Norris for authority to extend a wharf in Vineyard Haven Harbor, was referred to the committee on Harbors. Howes Norris.

A bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Fall River Workingmen's Building Association.

A petition of the trustees of the Smith College, the Smith Academy and the Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, severally for the refunding of tax alleged to be illegally paid, and for other purposes, was referred to the joint special committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares. Smith College et als.

A remonstrance of O. C. Grinnell and others against the passage of an act giving control of Cock East Pond to the town of Westport, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. O. C. Grinnell et als.

A petition of David Mayhew and others, of the Dukes County Educational Association, for a change in the law of 1866, in relation thereto, was referred to the committee on Education. David Mayhew et als.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Bradley, on leave, introduced a bill to insure the better protection of trout, land-locked salmon, lake trout and black bass ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Protection of trout, &c.

On motion of Mr. Baker,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of changing the laws relating to pickled fish. Pickled fish.

On motion of Mr. Torrey,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire whether the General Statutes may be so amended that land taken under chapter 38 of the General Statutes, sections 38 and 39, shall not revert to the original owner, his heirs and assigns, upon the discontinuance on said land for one year, Land taken for school-house purposes.

of a school, as therein mentioned: *provided*, said land shall continue to be held, either by itself, or in connection with adjoining land, for the purpose of a public school.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Officers of
public chari-
table institu-
tions.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the order of inquiry as to whether any officers of public charitable institutions have received money or presents in property, have power to send for persons and papers.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To relieve the town of Saugus from the support of a public highway ;

To reduce the capital stock of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company ;

To extend the time for locating and completing the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad ;

To extend the time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and material, and file its location ;

To revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company ;

For the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries ; and

Resolves.

The resolves,

In favor of Luke Worthley ;

In favor of Timothy Murphy, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Silverdale
Manufactur-
ing Co.

The report on the petition of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Society for
the relief of
widows and
orphans of
deceased
clergymen.

The Senate bill to authorize the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Charles River
Bridge.

The Senate bill in addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to incorporate the town of Holbrook, ^{was Holbrook.} read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to incorporate the town of Norwood ^{was Norwood.} read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill concerning compensation for military ^{Military es-} escorts, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resolve concerning the annual election sermon, ^{Annual elec-} was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

The House bill to extend the time for locating the Massa- ^{Mass. Cen-} chusetts Central Railroad, was read a third time, amended ^{tral R. R.} and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture ^{Intoxicating} and sale of intoxicating liquors, was next considered, the ^{liquors.} question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

Mr. Tarbox proposed, as an amendment to the bill, a new ^{re.} section, providing for the fine and imprisonment of the purchaser of liquor sold contrary to law; and the question on the adoption of the amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Carpenter,	Noble,	Potter,
Tarbox,	Wright.—5.	
NAYS. —Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Boardman,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Coe,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griggs,	Hewes,
Humphrey,	Johnson,	Lobdell,
Long,	Parsons,	Pike,
Richardson,	Safford,	Sheldon,
Smith,	Stickney,	Thayer, S.,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Whitney, B. D.,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,	Wallace.—30.

So the amendment was rejected.

The same senator proposed a further amendment to the bill: to add a new section, providing for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of cider as authorized by chapter 415, section 29 of the acts of 1869; and the question on the amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Hewes, Tarbox, Whitney, J. S.—3.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Boardman,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Carpenter,	Coe,	Frost,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griggs,
Humphrey,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Long,	Noble,
Parsons,	Pike,	Potter,
Richardson,	Safford,	Sheldon,
Smith,	Stickney,	Thayer, S.,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Wallace,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Wright.—33.

So the amendment was rejected.

Intoxicating
liquors.

Mr. Potter proposed, as a substitute for the bill, a report that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject; and the question being taken on the motion, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Boardman,	Brewster,
Hewes,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Long,	Noble,	Potter,
Richardson,	Safford,	Sheldon,
Smith,	Tarbox,	Torrey,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods.—17.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Bradley,
Carpenter,	Coe,	Frost,
Giles,	Griggs,	Humphrey,
Lobdell,	Parsons,	Pike,
Stickney,	Thayer, S.,	Wakefield,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woodwell,	Wright.—18.

So the substitute was rejected.

Id.

Thereupon, Mr. Whitney of Norfolk moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Boardman,	Brewster,
Hewes,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Long,	Potter,	Richardson,
Safford,	Sheldon,	Tarbox,
Torrey,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods.—15.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Bradley,
Carpenter,	Coe,	Frost,
Giles,	Griggs,	Humphrey,
Lobdell,	Noble,	Parsons,
Pike,	Smith,	Stickney,
Thayer, S.,	Wakefield,	Whitney, B. D.,
Woodwell,	Wright.—20.	

Id.

So the bill was not indefinitely postponed; and the question then recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Bradley,
Brewster,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,

YEAS.—Messrs. Griggs, Parsons, Thayer, S., Woods,	Humphrey, Pike, Wakefield, Woodwell,	Lobdell, Stickney, Whitney, B. D., Wright.—21.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Johnson, Potter, Sheldon, Torrey,	Boardman, Learnard, Richardson, Smith, Whitney, J. S.—14.	Hewes, Noble, Safford, Tarbox,

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Gardner to Winchendon, was taken from the table, and the amendment proposed thereto was adopted, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Boston,
Barre, and
Gardner Rail-
road Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order providing for the redistricting of the state for the choice of Representatives in Congress, came up, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Heard of Wayland, Fairbanks of Fall River, Washburn of Boston, Ross of Holland, Tucker of Milton, Blunt of Haverhill, Parmenter of Cambridge, Loring of Fitchburg, Barker of Pittsfield, Sears of Barnstable, Church of Taunton, and Spear of Buckland, are appointed a committee on the part of the House

Redistricting
the state for
representa-
tives in Con-
gress of U. S.

And thereupon, the President appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Safford, Johnson, Woods, Potter, Smith and Lobdell.

The following engrossed bills (the first five of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:

Bills
enacted and
to Governor.

To incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company.

To authorize Charles C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury.

To authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to increase its capital stock.

To authorize the Fitchburg Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate.

In relation to reports and returns in respect to jails and houses of correction.

To incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.

To authorize the county commissioners of Berkshire County to appropriate money to pay for the new county buildings at Pittsfield.

To increase the capital stock of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

State aid. On motion of Mr. Wright, the vote whereby the petitions relating to a change in the laws concerning state aid, were referred to the committee on Military Affairs, was reconsidered, and said petitions were then referred to the committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

**Frederick
Tudor et als.**

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of Frederick Tudor and others, reported

A bill to authorize Frederick Tudor and William Tudor to construct a wharf at Black Rock in Nahant; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

**Central dis-
trict court.**

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to establish the Central District Court, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment, striking out the 14th section.

**Southern
district court
of Boston.**

Mr. Boardman, from the same committee, on the bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the Municipal Court for the Southern District of Boston, reported that the same ought to pass; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

**Limiting the
amount of
fire risks in
cities and
towns.**

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, on the order relating to limiting the amount of risks to be taken in any city or town, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

**Hartford and
New Haven
R. R. Co.**

Mr. Thayer, on leave, introduced a bill concerning the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,—

**Sixteenth
joint rule.**

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Senate be directed to cause the 16th joint rule to be hereafter printed with the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester,—

**Settlement
laws.**

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what changes, if any, are required in the settlement laws of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Woods,—

Ordered, That ten thousand copies of the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College be printed,—one-half of the number for the use of the trustees of the college, and the remainder for the use of the legislature. Mass. Agricultural College.

Mr. Hewes presented a petition of the city government of Lynn. Lynn for authority to control the construction of wooden buildings within certain districts of said city.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Wright presented a remonstrance of the selectmen and others of the town of Burlington, against the petition of the town of Arlington for leave to take water from Vine Brook. Arlington.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Stickney presented a remonstrance of David A. Brayton against the petition of the mayor of the city of Fall River for authority to construct a bridge across Fall River Creek. Fall River.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To continue in force an act to incorporate the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Insurance Company (on the petition of the same);

To establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole (on the petition of the town of Dover), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A report of the committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. L. Wellington, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. J.L. Wellington.

A bill to authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Chelsea Gas Light Co.

A bill to incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists, was read and referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Boston Association of Spiritualists.

A bill to revive the charter of the Wakefield, Melrose and Malden Railroad Company, was read and referred to the committee on Railways. Wakefield, Melrose, and Malden, Railroad Co.

Severally in concurrence.

Henry Villard et al.

A report, discharging the committee on Insurance from the further consideration of the petition of Henry Villard and others, and referring the same to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was accepted in concurrence.

Public watering places.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of amending chapter 118 of the acts of the year 1870, in reference to public watering places in towns, so as to enlarge the powers of selectmen to establish and maintain them.

The following order was laid on the table :—

State prison.

Ordered, that the committee on Prisons inquire and report concerning the management of the state prison, and whether any legislation is necessary for the better government of said prison ; also, that the committee on Prisons have power to send for persons and papers.

Text-books.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by law for a uniform system of text-books to be used in the public schools.

Repairing streets by horse railroad companies.

Also, that the committee on Horse Railways consider the expediency of amending section 21, chapter 381 of the acts of 1871, in relation to the keeping of streets in repair by horse railroad companies.

State aid.

The following order was amended by striking therefrom the words, "Military Affairs," and inserting instead thereof the word "Claims," and, as amended, adopted ; and the amendment was sent down for concurrence :—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of reenacting, with suitable modifications, chapter 339 of the acts of 1870, relating to state aid for disabled soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain.

Mass Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

A petition of the Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company for authority to make loans upon real estate mortgages, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

John Preston.

A petition of John Preston for authority to extend his wharf in Boston, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Universalist Publishing House.

A petition of Newton Talbot and others, in aid of that of the Universalist Publishing House of Boston, was referred to the committee on Education.

Captain M. Matheson et al.

A petition of Captain M. Matheson and others for payment of money expended for uniforms, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

George Cogswell et al.

A petition of George Cogswell and others, that the town of Bradford may be annexed to the city of Haverhill, was referred to the committee on Towns.

A petition of James W. Lord and others, in aid of that of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association.

A petition of H. C. Lincoln and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others; and Thomas J. Borden et als.

A petition of F. H. Smith and others, in aid of that of Samuel Boyd and others, were referred to the committee on Railways. Samuel Boyd et als.

Severally in concurrence.

A report, discharging the committee on Public Charitable Institutions from the further consideration of the petition of William Murnane and others, and referring the same to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was accepted in concurrence. William Murnane et als.

The Senate bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations came up, and the House insists on its amendments therein. Railroad corporations.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire moved that the Senate *recede* from its non-concurrence; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bradley,	Brewster,	Frost,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Humphrey,
Noble,	Parsons,	Smith,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Thayer, S.,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Boardman,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Giles,	Hewes,	Johnson,
Larnard,	Lobdell,	Long,
Pike,	Potter,	Richardson,
Sheldon,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Wallace,	Woodwell,	Wright.—21.

So the Senate refused to *recede*.

And thereupon the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Wakefield, Richardson and Carpenter were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading. State almshouses.

The Senate bill to relieve the town of Saugus from the support of a public highway, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Saugus.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To reduce the capital stock of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company ;

To extend the time for locating and completing the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad ;

To extend the time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and materials and file its location ;

To revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company ;

For the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries ; and

Resolves.

The resolves,

In favor of Luke Worthley ;

In favor of Timothy Murphy, were severally read a third time and ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

Intoxicating liquors.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read a third time, and, pending the consideration of certain amendments proposed thereto, recommitted to the joint special committee on that subject.

Compensation for military escorts, and concerning the annual election sermon.

Mr. Wakefield moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill concerning compensation for military escorts ; also, the vote whereby the resolve concerning the annual election sermon, severally passed to be engrossed ; and they were severally laid on the table.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Police court of Fitchburg.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, without amendment ; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Appropriations.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment ; and the bill was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, amended as proposed by the committee, and passed to be engrossed, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the bill to abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School, reported the same in a new draft; and the bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mass. Nautical School.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Insurance, on the order in relation to foreign insurance companies doing business in this state, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Foreign insurance companies.

Mr. Noble, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works.

Westfield water works.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hewes,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of enacting a law regulating the charges for passengers and freight over the several railroads in this Commonwealth.

Charges for passengers and freight over railroads.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Berkshire,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of regulating by law the hours during which freight shall be received at the several railroads terminating in Boston.

Hours for receiving freight at the several railroad stations in Boston.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Pond & Dunclee for compensation for labor and materials furnished for the repairs on the State House.

Pond & Dunclee.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of J. Wiley Edmands, in behalf of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for a grant in aid of that institution.

J. Wiley Edmands.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

William B. Brown et als. Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of William B. Brown and others for authority to change the location of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad.

Salisbury and Exeter Railroad Co. Mr. Woodwell presented a petition of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad Company for extension of time within which to locate and construct its road.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

John B. Alley et als. Mr. Hewes presented a petition of John B. Alley and others for an act of incorporation as the City of Lynn Horse Railroad Company.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Franklin Haven et als. Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Franklin Haven and others, in aid of that of H. R. Harding and others.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Trustees of the Charity of Edward Hopkins. Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of the trustees of the Charity of Edward Hopkins, for a modification of the act of last year concerning the taxation of bank shares.

Referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Parks and Wade Carpet Company. A bill to change the name of the Parks and Wade Carpet Company of Palmer (on the petition of the same), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Adrian Foote et als. A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Adrian Foote and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Edgeworth Catholic Literary Association of Malden. A bill to incorporate the Edgeworth Catholic Literary Association of Malden, was read and referred to the committee on Education.

State Liquor Commissioner. A bill to abolish the office of State Liquor Commissioner, was read and referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Severally in concurrence.

French spoliations. *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on Federal Relations consider the expediency of sundry resolutions of the legislature of Massachusetts to the Congress of the United States, in behalf of the descendants of the sufferers by French spoliations, several hundred of whom reside in this Commonwealth; and many of whom are in necessitous circumstances, although they hold just claims against the nation for several millions of dollars.

Half time schools. Also, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of authorizing towns and cities to establish and

maintain half-time schools at their own expense, or to appropriate a portion of the school funds for that purpose.

Also, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of exempting from taxation so much of the deposits in savings banks as shall be invested in mortgages of real estate within the Commonwealth.

Also, that the committee on Railways be requested to ascertain whether "the New London Northern Railroad in Massachusetts, and the Hartford and New Haven Railroad in Massachusetts," either or both of them, have been sold, or leased, or placed in the hands or control of any other persons or parties than said corporations; and if so, to whom, or in whose hands, and by what authority of law; with power to send for persons and papers.

Also, that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of providing by law for the setting apart of a certain percentage of the earnings of the convicts in the state prison; the amount to be appropriated for the benefit of their families, or to be paid over to each individual convict upon the expiration of his term of service.

Also, that the joint special committee on the Liquor Law be instructed to ascertain if the provisions of section 52 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, requiring agents receiving forfeited liquors turned over to them by order of the court, to pay over to the treasurer of the Commonwealth the net proceeds of the sale of such liquors, have been complied with; and, if not, to report what legislation is necessary in the premises; and that they have power to send for persons and papers.

The following order was read and laid on the table:—

Ordered, That whenever any bill is reported from any committee to either branch of the legislature, and subsequently referred to any joint committee, such committee shall report their action in the branch where the bill originated.

Petitions of

Nathan W. Bridge and others;

John Sales and others; and

James O. Curtis and others, severally for the repeal of the act authorizing the county commissioners of Middlesex county to build a bridge across Mystic River; and

Petitions of

Jefferson Borden and others; and Obadiah M. Buffinton and others, severally in aid of that of Walter D. Nichols and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Savings
banks.

New London
Northern
R. R. and
Hartford and
New Haven
R. R.

Convicts of
the state
prison.

Forfeited
liquors.

Reports of
committees.

Middlesex
county.

Walter D.
Nichols et
als.

Woman suffrage.

Petitions of Samuel Bassett and others ; Jonas Wild and others ; E. S. Davis and others ; and Abby K. Foster, and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Mary J. Brown.

A petition of Mary J. Brown for state aid on account of the military services of her husband, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Thomas J. Borden et als.

Petitions of Allen J. Mason and others ; and Frank S. Stevens and others, severally in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Patrick Donahoe.

A petition of Patrick Donahoe in behalf of the Corporation of Destitute Catholic Children in Boston, for aid from the state, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

George W. Stacy et als.

A petition of George W. Stacy and others for authority to remove the tombs and remains of the dead in the town of Milford, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally in concurrence.

Railroad corporations.

Mr. Richardson was excused, at his own request, from serving as a member of the committee of conference, on the bill authorizing the formation of railroad corporations, and Mr. Torrey was appointed in his place.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize Frederick Tudor and William Tudor to construct a wharf in Nahant ;
To establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole ;

To revive and continue in force an act to incorporate the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Insurance Company ;
To provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the Municipal Court for the Southern District of Boston, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Central District Court.

The bill to establish the Central District Court, was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and laid on the table.

State almshouses.

The House bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson, was read a third time, as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate report on the petition of J. L. Wellington, was J. L. Wellington. accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize the proprietors of Arlington Proprietors of the Arlington St. Church. Street Church to convey real estate (which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on Holyoke. the petition of the town of Holyoke, reported

A bill to supply the town of Holyoke with pure water; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Printing, on the Agricultural College. order relative to printing 10,000 extra copies of the annual report of the trustees of the Agricultural College, reported that the same should be adopted; and the report, being considered, was accepted, and the order accordingly adopted.

Mr. Thayer, on leave, introduced

Bills,

Bills.

For the location of disputed division lines, building, maintaining and repairing fences, and the duties and fees of fence viewers;

In relation to trustee process before justices of the peace; and the same were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pike presented a petition of the Hopkinton Railroad Hopkinton R. R. Co. Company for authority to mortgage its railroad.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Wright presented a remonstrance of the selectmen of Arlington. the town of Bedford, against the petition of the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

In relation to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad (on the petition of the same);

To incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank (on the petition of W. S. Batchelder and others) ;

To amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes, in relation to the seizure of vessels with shell-fish on board (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Law Institute of Chicago.

The Senate resolve to furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago, came up concurred with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

Mashpee.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Towns inquire into the expediency of establishing, as the boundary lines of the town of Mashpee, the boundary lines of the district of Marshpee, as they originally existed.

• Dog law.

Also, that, the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending the "Dog Law," so that it shall become the duty of the assessor of each city or town to deliver a list of all owners of dogs to the clerk of said city or town, who shall grant licenses and deliver the same to the collector of taxes, who shall collect the same at the time and in the same manner as other taxes.

Also, to consider the expediency of increasing the tax on female dogs.

Special legislation.

Also, that whenever upon any application for an act of incorporation or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under existing general laws, the committee having charge of such applications shall, in all cases, report leave to withdraw, or inexpedient to legislate.

Boston and Lowell Railroad Co.

A petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation for authority to erect a bridge structure, and to widen its bridge over Charles River, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

• Taxation of Reservoirs.

A petition of Chapin and Gould and others for a change in the laws respecting the taxation of reservoirs built for the increase of water power, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Jacob K. Lunt et als.

A petition of Jacob K. Lunt and others for the abolition of the office of Pilot Commissioner, was referred to the committee on State Commissionerships.

W. A. Humphrey et als.

A remonstrance of James G. Scott and others against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others ; and

Solomon Attaquin et als.

A petition of Solomon Attaquin and others for a change in the boundary lines of the town of Mashpee, were referred to the committee on towns.

Fitchburg R. R. Co.

A petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for authority to change its location in Belmont ; and

Petitions of Samuel L. Buffinton and others, and Walter A. Chace and others, severally in aid of Thomas J. Borden and others, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Thomas J. Borden et al.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of the purchase by the Commonwealth of the property situated at the corner of Temple and Mount Vernon Streets, in the city of Boston, known as the "Loring Estate," or some other convenient and accessible property, for the accommodation of the state offices, now located in different parts of the city.

Purchase of property for state purposes.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg ;

To abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School ;

To change the name of the Parks and Wade Carpet Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to authorize Frederick Tudor and William Tudor to construct a wharf at Black Rock, in Nahant, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Frederick Tudor.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

To establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole ;

To revive and continue in force an act to incorporate the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Insurance Company ;

To provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of Boston, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate reports,

Reports.

On the order relative to limiting the amount of risks to be taken by insurance companies in any city or town ; and

On the order relative to foreign insurance companies doing business in this state, were severally accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House report on the petition of Adrian Foote and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Adrian Foote et al.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, in Arlington.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington, reported the same in a new draft.

Divorce.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the same committee, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill in relation to divorce.

Adoption of children.

Mr. Boardman, from the same committee, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill in relation to the adoption of children; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bridgewater Land and Building Co.

Mr. Parsons, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

West Roxbury.

On motion of Mr. Frost, the bill for supplying the town of West Roxbury with pure water, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Annual Reports of commissioners of sinking funds of certain railroads.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the annual reports of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds of,

The Western Railroad Company;

The Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company; and

The Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon; and the report, being considered under a suspension of the rule, was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Tarbox,—

Executors, &c.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of authorizing courts to grant licenses to executors, administrators, guardians and trustees to sell real estate at private sale.

Appraisers of real estate

On motion of Mr. Coe,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 8 of chapter 157 of the General Statutes as to allow a more just compensa-

tion to appraisers of real estate appointed under legal process.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the statutes in relation to truant children. Truant children.

Mr. Tarbox presented a petition of Jennie Collins and others for an act of incorporation as the Young Woman's Apprentice Association. Referred to the committee on Education. Jennie Collins et als.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of F. O. Dewey and others, for the establishment of a reformatory institution for people becoming insane from intemperate habits. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. F. O. Dewey et als.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a remonstrance of E. M. Abbott and others against the building of a new bridge from Cambridge to Boston. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Cambridge.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Learnard presented a petition of William Gaston, Mayor of Boston, for authority to take certain lands to abate a nuisance. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Boston.

Papers from the House.

A bill, to incorporate the Miners' Saving's Bank of West Stockbridge (on the petition of C. S. Platt and others), was read and ordered to a second reading. Miners' Savings bank of West Stockbridge.

A bill to ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop, to secure certain bonds issued by said town to said company, under chapter 202 of the acts of 1867, was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Winthrop Railroad Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of amending chapter 324 of the acts of 1870, to incorporate the Boston Coöperative Building Company, with reference to the holding of real estate. Boston Coöperative Building Co.

A petition of Charles E. Bliss and others for authority to remove certain remains of the dead; and Charles E. Bliss et als.

A petition of Charles A. Wilcox and others for a change in the limits of a fire district in Shelburne Falls and Buckland; and Charles A. Wilcox et als.

Gloucester. A petition of the selectmen of Gloucester for authority to exempt certain property from taxation, were severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Woman suffrage. A petition of Lucy S. Allen and others, that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, was referred to the committee on that subject.

Amos B. French et als. A petition of Amos B. French and others for an act of incorporation as the Centralville Horse Railroad Company, in Lowell, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Malden. A petition of certain citizens of Malden for an act of incorporation as the Malden Public Library Association ; and

C. A. Hewins et als. A petition of C. A. Hewins and others for an act of incorporation as the West Roxbury Free Library, were severally referred to the committee on Education.

Samuel Walker et als. A petition of Samuel Walker and others for authority to extend the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad from Bellingham to Franklin, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Superintendents of roads. Notice was received, from the House, of the rejection by that branch of the Senate bill to authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads ; and

Constitution. The Senate resolve to amend the Constitution relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court, had been severally rejected by that branch.

Bills. The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To supply the town of Holyoke with pure water ;
To incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank ;
In relation to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad ;
To amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes, in relation to the seizure of vessels with shell-fish on board, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Clerk of the police court of Fitchburg. The Senate bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mass. Nautical School. The Senate bill to abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Parks and Wade Carpet Company. The Senate bill to change the name of the Parks and Wade Carpet Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock (which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval. National Insurance Co.

A message was received from the House, proposing a convention of both branches on Wednesday next at 2½ o'clock, P.M., for the choice of three directors, on the part of the state, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation. Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation.

And the Senate concurred in the above proposition, and the Clerk was charged with a message to the House, informing that branch thereof.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the wardens and vestry of Grace Church, in Newton, reported. Grace Church in Newton.

A bill to authorize the parish of Grace Church, in Newton, to sell its real estate and personal property and for other purposes; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Memorial Hospital at Worcester, reported the same without amendment; and it was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the bill to revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading. Cabot Bank of Chicopee.

Mr. Wallace offered the following preamble and order, which were read and adopted:— Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Whereas, the completion of the Hoosac Tunnel, at an early day, is now placed beyond all reasonable contingencies; and *whereas*, upon its completion, the present lease of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad from the Commonwealth to the Fitchburg Railroad Company and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company expires, rendering it necessary that the Commonwealth shall take steps for

equipping and running the said railroad on a part of the tunnel line, or adopt some policy as to leasing or consolidating the same, so that ample time may be given for equipping and preparing the line for the large through and local business which awaits its opening; therefore,

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad consider the subject, and report what legislation (if any) they may deem expedient thereon.

On motion of Mr. Torrey,—

Railroad corporations.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of repealing section 3 of chapter 325 of the acts of the year 1870.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Norfolk,—

Construction of a reservoir and tidal basin in Boston.

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors inquire into the expediency of authorizing the city of Boston to construct a reservoir or tidal basin, south of the Boston and Albany Railroad and west of the "Cross Dam," to aid in the protection of the harbor of Boston, and as protection against fire, and for sanitary purposes.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Norfolk,—

Slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 167 of the acts of the year 1871.

Monson Savings banks.

Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Monson Savings Bank; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Vineyard Telegraph Company.

Mr. Carpenter, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Framingham and Lowell R. R. Co.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to lease its road and for other purposes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Witnesses.

The same senator, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to amending the act of 1870, in relation to witnesses, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Richard H. Hines.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of Richard H. Hines for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Bartholomew presented a petition of Emmons Twitchell for the establishment of a savings bank in Brookfield. Emmons Twitchell.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of William N. Flynt and others for an act of incorporation as the Monson Savings Bank. William N. Flynt et als.

Severally referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of the superintendent of the State Primary School at Monson for authority to use the balance of appropriation. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. State primary school at Monson.

Mr. Bradly presented a petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County for an increase of salary. Referred to the committee on Expenditures. Commissioners of Dukes Co.

Mr. Long presented petitions of Chester Guild and others, and B. F. Brown and others, severally for the repeal of the act of 1869, authorizing the county commissioners of Middlesex to build a bridge across Mystic River. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Chester Guild et als., and B. F. Brown et als.

Mr. Tarbox presented a petition of A. J. French, in behalf of the Franklin Library Association for the authority to transfer its library to the city of Lawrence. Referred to the committee on Education. A. J. French.

Mr. Learnard presented petitions of Henry Poor & Son and others; and James W. Roberts and Company, severally for the passage of a law regulating the hours for keeping open freight depots. Freight stations.

Mr. Woods presented a petition of Williston Mills, that the tracks of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad Company, and the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad Company may be changed, in the town of Easthampton. Williston Mills.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Torrey presented a memorial of George M. Weston for repayment of expenses incurred in the prosecution of the claim of Massachusetts against the general government. Referred to the committee on Claims. George M. Weston.

Mr. Fuller, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Cambridge.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth; also, of the clerks in his department. Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Long offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That the report of the Bureau of the Statistics of Labor be made in print.

E. C. Willard
et alia.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of E. C. Willard and others for the formation of a judicial district in the county of Middlesex.

Watertown.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of the selectmen of Watertown for confirmation of title to certain real estate in said town.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State prison.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the order from the House in relation to the better government of the state prison was taken from the table, amended so as to authorize the committee to examine the title of the Commonwealth in certain flats near the prison, also as to the sanitary condition of said prison, and adopted in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

General rail-
road law.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee of conference, on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses in relation to the amendment proposed by the House to the bill authorizing the formation of railroad corporations, reported that the committee, after conference had, were unable to agree, and the report was accepted.

Thereupon, Mr. Thayer of Berkshire moved that the Senate recede from its non-concurrence in the amendment proposed by the House; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Coe,	Fuller,	Humphrey,
Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,
Potter,	Smith,	Stickney,
Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,	Thayer, S.,
Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,	Wright.—18.
NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Carpenter,	Giles,	Hewes,
Johnson,	Learnard,	Loddell,
Long,	Safford,	Sheldon,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Wallace,
Woodwell.—16.		

So the Senate receded from its non-concurrence, and the bill was sent to the House.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To extend the time for commencing and completing the

Cape Cod Ship Canal (on the petition of Thomas Russell and another) ;

To authorize Nicholas Varina to extend his wharf in Newburyport (on the petition of the same) ;

To authorize James Damon and William G. Brown to extend their respective wharves in Ipswich (on the petition of the same) ;

To authorize Daniel W. Fuller to construct a wharf in Magnolia Village, in Gloucester (on the petition of the same), were read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of David C. Murdock and others ; and

Of the committee on Towns, on the petition of Marcus Moore and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to revive the charter of the Taunton and Providence Railway Company, was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

A bill to supply the city of Springfield with pure water, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Harbors be requested to report on the expediency of modifying chapter 194 of the acts of the year 1869, relative to the widening of Federal Street Bridge over Fort Point Channel, in the city of Boston.

Petitions of

Mrs. Elizabeth S. C. Israel and others ;

Mrs. M. L. Storrs and others ; and

Jessie H. Jones and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

A petition of Daniel Gage and others for the repeal of the act of 1867 to regulate fishing in Merrimack River ; and

A petition of the selectmen of the town of Marshfield in relation to the fisheries in North River ; and

A remonstrance of Charles Ball and others against a rehearing of the parties in relation to the fisheries in Cockeast pond, in Westport, were severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

A petition of Charles Talbot and others, in aid of that of Walter D. Nichols and others ; and

A petition of George F. Verry, mayor of the city of Worcester, for authority to construct a street through land of

Reports.

Taunton and
Providence
R. R. Co.

Springfield.

Federal St.
Bridge.

Woman suf-
frage.

Daniel Gage
et als.

Marshfield.

Cockeast
Pond in
Westport.

Walter D.
Nichols et
als.

Worcester.

the Commonwealth, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ensign Kimball et als.

A remonstrance of Ensign Kimball and others against any further obstruction of travel on Chelsea Bridge by railroad corporations, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Association for Relief of Indigent Females.

A petition of the Association for the relief of Indigent Females for a change of name, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

A. L. Williston et als.

A petition of A. L. Williston and others, in relation to the valuation and taxation of reservoirs used for the increase of water power, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

N. Freeman.

A petition of N. Freeman for compensation for labor performed in the repairs upon the State House, was referred to the committee on Claims.

William J. R. Evans et als.

A petition of William J. R. Evans and others for the annexation of the town of West Roxbury to the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Towns.

H. F. Barrows et als.

A petition of H. F. Barrows and others for authority to build a railroad from North Attleborough to the Rhode Island State line; and

Moses Fairbanks et als.

A petition of Moses Fairbanks and others for the regulation of the opening of freight depots, were referred to the committee on Railways.

James J. H. Gregory et als.

A petition of James J. H. Gregory and others for an act of incorporation as the Marblehead Young Men's Christian Association; and

Permanent Peace Fund.

A petition of the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund for authority to hold additional property, were referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Groveland Fire Insurance Co.

A petition of the Groveland Fire Insurance Company for amendment of charter, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

George H. Johnston.

Notice was received from the House of the rejection, by that branch, of the resolve in favor of George H. Johnston.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, In relation to divorce;
In relation to the adoption of children;
Relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Holyoke.

The Senate bill to supply the town of Holyoke with pure water, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

To incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank ;

To amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes, in relation to the seizure of vessels with shell-fish on board, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, was read a third time, amended in the title by substituting the following,—

vt. & Mass.
R. R. Co.

“ Bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, and for other purposes ” ; and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Bills
enacted, and
to Governor.

To incorporate the Metacomet Fire Insurance Company of Fall River.

To authorize Samuel Downer to extend one wharf, and build another, in Hingham Harbor.

To authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water scrip.

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to construct tracks to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton.

To authorize the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation to increase its capital stock.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Expenditures, to whom was referred the order relative to an examination of the securities in the hands of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, submitted a report thereon, with a schedule thereof, and that the committee found the same correct ; and the report concluded with the following order :—

Securities in
the hands of
the Treas-
urer and
Receiver-
General.

Ordered, That a committee of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed and instructed to superintend the destruction of certain bonds,

numbered 401 to 1000, being in six hundred pieces or certificates, each of five hundred pounds sterling, with forty coupons attached thereto.

And the report was placed in the orders of the day for Friday next.

Lee and New
Haven Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the bill extending the time for the construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, reported said bill in a new draft; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Intoxicating
Liquors.

Mr. Coe, from the joint special committee on the bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Athol and
Enfield Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company.

New Bedford
and Fall
River R. R.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a bill to revive the charter of the New Bedford and Fall River Railway Company.

Springfield
and Farm-
ington Val-
ley R. R. Co.
New Bedford
and Middle-
borough
R. R. Co.

Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill concerning the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company.

Mr. Coe, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for locating the New Bedford and Middleborough Railroad; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Standish
Monument
Association.
Mattapoi-
sett.

Mr. Lobdell, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association.

The same senator, on leave, introduced a bill for the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Concord Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Richardson, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Justice of
police court
of Charles-
town.

Mr. Frost, on leave, introduced a bill to increase the salary of the justice of the police court in the city of Charlestown.

Betterments.

Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to betterments; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Snaring of
tame doves.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of legislation to prevent the snaring of tame doves.

On motion of Mr. Noble,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of building a boarding-house at the normal school in Westfield. Normal school in Westfield.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,

Ordered, That the committee on Railways inquire into the expediency of further legislation to secure to the bondholders under the mortgage by the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company to Robert H. Berdell and others, trustees, the advantage of foreclosure and absolute title to the extra mortgaged property. Berdell bonds.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of revising that portion of chapter 163 of the general laws and the acts passed in addition thereto, regulating the crossing of highways by railways at grade; and that they report an act to provide for the gradual extinction, in so far as may be practicable, of all grade crossings of railroads, whether by highways or by other railroads; and also to prevent the laying out of such crossings in future, whenever it is possible to construct the same over or under a railroad. Railroad crossings.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of reporting a bill allowing the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company, the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation, and the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation, power to unite in a more suitable location, and construction of one or more railroad tracks for their joint use, commencing at a point on the line of the Boston and Albany Railroad, in Worcester, and extending by a curved line so as to connect with the Worcester and Nashua Railroad, at some convenient point near School Street, on Lincoln Square, in Worcester, so as to better accommodate any or all of said roads in their minor passenger depot arrangements. Norwich and Worcester and other railroad corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wallace,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 359 of the acts of 1870, and chapter 365 of the acts of 1871. State Visiting Agency.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Wallace,—

Joint holders
of mort-
gages.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 171 of the acts of the year 1870, so that one of two or more joint holders of mortgages cannot discharge the same without the written consent of all the other joint holders thereof.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Inspectors of
elections.

Ordered, That said committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws relating to the election of inspectors of elections as to secure a fair representation of the different political parties.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Surviving of
actions at
law.

Ordered, That said committee consider the expediency of further legislation in relation to the surviving of actions at law.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Berkshire,—

Courts of in-
solveney.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 118 of the General Statutes, and the acts in addition thereto, relating to courts of insolvency.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Special jus-
tice of the
municipal
court of
Boston.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation relating to the compensation of the special justice of the Municipal Court of the city of Boston.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Mr. Long presented a petition of John B. Baker and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of sundry joint-stock insurance companies for the refunding of taxes paid on bank shares. Referred to the joint special committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares.

Manufactur-
ers' Ins. Co.

The same senator presented a petition of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company and others for a change in the law relating to the taxation of insurance companies. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

E. T. Colby
et als.

Mr. Woodwell presented a petition of E. T. Colby and others for an act of incorporation as the Salisbury Point Cemetery Association. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Samuel W.
Hogle.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire presented a petition of Samuel W. Hogle for State aid on account of military services.

John Tilden
et als.

Mr. Humphrey presented a petition of John Tilden and others for authority to construct a bridge from Trouant's

Island, in Marsfield, across North River to the Fourth Cliff, in Scituate. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Sheldon presented a petition of the Deerfield Guards for compensation for certain uniforms. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Deerfield
Guards.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for authority to take land in Boston or Charlestown. Eastern
R. R. Co.

The same senator presented a petition of the South Boston Freight Railway Company for extension of time in which to locate its railway. South Boston
Freight
R. R. Co.

Mr. Richardson presented a petition of C. W. Bellows and others for authority to build a railroad from Ashburnham to Groton. C. W. Bel-
lows et als.

Mr. Pike presented a petition of F. W. Lincoln, Jr., and Company and others; also, a petition of Wales, Cummins and Company and others for further regulation for the keeping open of freight depots. F. W. Lin-
coln & Co.
et als.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of Thomas White and others for a change in the location of the section of the Old Colony and Newport Railway between South Braintree and East Stoughton. Thomas
White et als.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Sidney H. Morse and others for an act of incorporation as the Radical Association. Sidney H.
Morse et als.

Mr. Hewes presented a petition of James N. Buffum, Mayor of Lynn, for the passage of an act authorizing said city to procure an additional supply of water. James N.
Buffum,
Mayor of
Lynn.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of Henry White and others, in aid of that of H. F. Payton and others. H. F. Pay-
ton et als.

Mr. Smith presented a petition of O. W. Chapin and others for authority to take water from Nine-Mile Pond in Wilbraham. O. W. Chap-
in et als.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Giles presented a petition of Nathaniel Tarr and others for an act of incorporation as the Tri-mountain Insurance Company. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Nathaniel
Tarr et als.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of Jonathan D. Wheeler and others, that the town of Grafton may be included within the territory to be in the jurisdiction of the proposed Eastern District Court. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Jonathan D.
Wheeler et
als.

*Papers from the House.*Lawrence
Gas Co.

A bill to authorize the Lawrence Gas Company to increase its capital stock (on the petition of the same), was read and ordered to a second reading.

State prison.

A resolve authorizing payment for certain repairs at the state prison (new draft of the Senate resolve); and

State Li-
brary.

A resolve to provide additional accommodations for books in the State Library (on the report of the Librarian) were read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Justice of the
police court
of Fall River.

A bill to increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston Co-
operative
Building Co.
Fitchburg
Railroad Co.

A bill to amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company; and

A bill authorizing the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate and to increase its capital stock; and

Chelsea Odd
Fellows' Hall
Association.

A bill to incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association, were severally read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Foreign in-
surance Cos.

A bill in relation to insurance companies established by foreign governments, was read and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Bills.

Bills,

To unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railroad Company;

Authorizing the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road and issue bonds;

Fixing the salary of the clerk of the board of Railroad Commissioners, were severally read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Relocating of
station
houses by
railroad cor-
porations.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider what further legislation is necessary in relation to the relocating of their station houses by railroad corporations.

Lumber.

Also, that the committee on State Commissionerships and officials be requested to consider the expediency of preparing a bill for the uniform inspection and survey of lumber throughout the Commonwealth.

Salem turn-
pike and
Chelsea
Bridge.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of providing for an equitable readjustment of the burdens imposed by and under chapter 309 of the acts of 1868, upon the several counties, cities, and towns and other parties named in said chapter, relating to the

Salem Turnpike and Chelsea Bridge, and the several toll-bridges in Essex County.

A petition of George H. Lyman and others for authority to take land in the vicinity of the city of Boston for a public park, was referred to the committee on Public Lands. George H. Lyman et als.

A remonstrance of C. W. Hodges and others against the petition of W. A. Kennedy and others, was referred to the committee on Towns. W. A. Kennedy et als.

A petition of the selectmen of the town of Blackstone for reimbursement of money paid by said town for the support of a state pauper ; and Blackstone.

A petition of Lorenzo Mansur for state aid, on account of military services ; and Lorenzo Mansur.

A petition of Charles Burleigh for compensation for services and expenses in aid of the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for the use of right of letters-patent, were severally referred to the committee on Claims. Charles Burleigh.

A petition of Caleb S. Cummings and others, in aid of that of Walter D. Nichols and others ; and Walter D. Nichols et als.

A remonstrance of O. S. Godfrey and others against the petition of John F. Dodge and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. John F. Dodge et als.

A petition of Tarlton C. Luce and others for the establishment of a savings bank in the town of Edgartown, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Tarlton C. Luce et als.

A memorial of W. A. Stearns and others, in favor of an appropriation one hundred thousand dollars in aid of Amherst College, was referred to the committee on Education. W. A. Stearns et als.

A petition of Crane and Company and others concerning the valuation of reservoirs built for manufacturing purposes, was referred to the committee on Manufactures. Crane & Co. et als.

Petitions of

Caroline A. Clapp and others ;

Abby G. Woolson and others ;

Hannah Leonard and others ; and

Electa N. L. Walton and others ;

Severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

A petition of F. W. Hinsdale and others for an act of incorporation as the Ashmere Reservoir Association ; and F. W. Hinsdale et als.

A petition of the Pentucket Navigation Company for an extension of time for the improvement of navigation of the Merrimack River ; and Pentucket Navigation Company.

Michael
Heany et als.

A petition of Michael Heany and others for an act of incorporation as the Hibernian Benevolent Society of Lynn ; and

W. H. Cole-
man et als.

A petition of W. H. Coleman and others for an act of incorporation as a land and building company, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Noah Prince
et als.

A petition of Noah Prince and others for authority to re-establish an alewife fishery in the ponds and streams in the town of Kingston ; and

J. S. Luce et
als.

A petition of J. S. Luce and others for the further protection of shell-fish in the town of Marion ; and

Thomas Har-
low et als.

A remonstrance of Hiram Ellis and others against the petition of Thomas Harlow and another, were referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Simon H.
White et als.

A remonstrance of Matthew Smith and others against the petition of Simon H. White and others, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Roxbury
Young
Men's Chris-
tian Associa-
tion.
Joseph Car-
ter et als.

A petition of John M. Hewes and others, in aid of that of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association ; and

A petition of Joseph Carter and others for an act of incorporation as the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society, were referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Freight
stations.

Petitions of

W. A. Adams and others ;

W. F. Robinson and others ; and

J. C. Tyler and others, severally for the further regulation of the opening of stations for the reception of freight ;

P. L. Moen
et als.

A petition of P. L. Moen and others for authority to construct a railroad from Worcester to the line of the State of Rhode Island ;

William P.
Hart et als.

A petition of William P. Hart and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of extending the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad from Brookline to Boston ;

Alfred Hack-
ett et als.

A petition of Alfred Hackett and others for the establishment of a station on the Framingham and Lowell Railroad, in Westfield ;

Holyoke and
Belcher-
town Rail-
road Co.

A petition of the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company for authority to unite with other companies, and to cross the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad at grade ; and

Mass. Cen-
tral Railroad
Company.

A petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad for amendment of charter so as to connect with certain railroads north of the Fitchburg Railroad ; and

P. L. Moen
et als.

A petition of Jonathan D. Wheeler and others, in aid of that of P. L. Moen and others ; and

A petition of William C. Cutler and others, in aid of that of Andrew Burnham and others, were severally referred to the committee on Railways. Andrew Burnham et al.

Severally in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in convention, for the purpose of choosing three directors (on the part of the state) of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation. And Messrs. Wright and Hewes, of the Senate; and Messrs. Fearing of Hingham, Cochran of Melrose, Choate of Essex, Croak of Boston, and Bailey of Charlestown, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes for said directors. Directors of Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that Joseph H. Chadwick of Boston and Isaac H. Ross of Holden only, had a majority of the ballots, and therefore they were declared elected.

And the convention proceeding to the choice of another director, it appeared on the second ballot that William H. Murray of Pittsfield was elected, and declaration thereof was made.

The two branches separated.

An engrossed bill (which originated in the Senate) to incorporate the town of Norwood, passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Norwood.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge;

To authorize the parish of Grace Church, in Newton, to sell its real estate and personal property, and for other purposes;

To revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes;

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal;

To authorize James Damon and William G. Brown to extend their wharves in Ipswich;

To authorize Daniel W. Fuller to construct a wharf in Magnolia Village, in Gloucester, were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize Nicholas Varina to extend his wharf in Newburyport, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill relating to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery,

at Arlington, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Witnesses. The report of the committee on the Judiciary on the order relative to amending the act concerning witnesses, was laid on the table.

Reports. The House reports on the petitions of Marcus Moore and others, and David C. Murdock and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Adoption of children. The bill in relation to the adoption of children was passed over.

Divorce. The bill in relation to divorce was read a third time, considered and passed over.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

State prison. Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve authorizing the payment for certain repairs at the state prison, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Fitchburg R. R. Co. Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the bills,

To extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company;

Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Co. To authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate, reported that the same ought to pass, and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

John F. Dodge et als. Mr. Lobdell presented a remonstrance of Oakes Ames and others against the petition of John F. Dodge and others. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Freight depots. Mr. Thayer presented a petition of Sewall Day & Company and others; and

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, a petition of Wadsworth Howland and others; and

Mr. Potter, a petition of Alpheus Hardy and others, severally for legislation respecting the number of hours that freight railroad stations shall be kept open.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of R. W. Reed and others, Arlington.
in aid of the petition of the town of Arlington. Referred to
the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Coe presented a petition of Hannah P. Bean and Woman suf-
others, and a petition of Elizabeth Carter and frage. others, sever-
ally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women.
Referred to the committee on that subject.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to establish the boundary line between Mendon and Mendon and
Bellingham (on the petition of the selectmen of Mendon), Bellingham.
was read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill to authorize the county commissioners for the Greenfield
county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of alter- Court-house.
ing and repairing the court-house at Greenfield was read
and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate bill to incorporate the city of Fitchburg came Fitchburg.
up concurred with an amendment which was adopted in
concurrence.

Bills,

Bills.

Relating to the Connecticut River Railroad ;

To authorize existing railroad companies to build narrow-
gauge branches, were severally read and referred to the
committee on Railways.

Bills,

Id.

Authorizing the town of Brookline to take water from
Charles River ;

To authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to
complete their water works ;

To incorporate the Katama Land Company ;

To incorporate the Longwood Land and Building Com-
pany, were severally read and referred to the committee on
on Mercantile Affairs.

A resolve to refund to the town of Adams a sum due for Adams.
overpayment of taxes, was read and referred to the com-
mittee on Claims.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider Halifax.
the expediency of legislation in reference to reëstablishing
a herring fishery in the town of Halifax.

Also, that the committee on Federal Relations be re- Memorial
quested to report as to past action of the Legislature in Statutes of
Mass. states-
men.

regard to the erection, at the expense of the Commonwealth, of two memorial statues of Massachusetts statesmen, for the national capitol at Washington ; together with a recommendation, if they deem it expedient, as to any further measures it would be wise to adopt to carry out its patriotic design.

Mass Asy-
lum for the
Blind.

Also, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire whether any changes in the treatment of the inmates of the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind are necessary before an appropriation is made to said institution.

Roads and
bridges.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of further legislation to provide better roads and bridges throughout the state.

Lobster
fishery.

Also, that the committee on the Fisheries consider whether any legislation is necessary for the protection of the lobster fishery.

Cavalry com-
pany in
Cambridge.

Also, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of organizing a company of cavalry in the city of Cambridge.

Concerning
charges for
detention
of railroad
freight cars.

Also, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of authorizing steam railroads to charge a sum not exceeding two dollars per day, for the detention of cars loaded with merchandise in bulk, which shall remain loaded after twenty-four hours from its arrival at its point of destination, and ready for delivery,—Sundays and legal holidays excepted,—and that said charges may become a lien upon the merchandise.

Sign-boards
at railroad
crossings.

Also, that the last-named committee consider the expediency of changing the present law in regard to sign-boards where public highways cross steam railroads at grade.

School dis-
trict system.

Also, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of further provision for the return of towns to the school district system.

Edgartown.

Also, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs inquire into the expediency of authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the corporation known as the Proprietors of Mattakeeset Creeks in said town.

Severally in concurrence.

P. L. Moen
et als.

A petition of P. L. Moen and others that railroad corporations may be required to transport coal within the Commonwealth, at a rate not exceeding two cents per ton per mile ; and

Sumner
Richardson
et als.

A petition of Sumner Richardson and others for the authority to build a railroad from Somerville to Wakefield ; and

- A petition of Thayer, Waterman and Beekman for a remedy for certain grievances alleged to be inflicted upon them by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company ; and Thayer, Waterman and Beekman.
- A petition of Thomas Rice and others in aid of that of Samuel Boyd and others ; and Samuel Boyd et als.
- A petition of Oakes A. Ames and others in aid of that of Ellis Packard and others ; and Ellis Packard et als.
- A petition of the National Tube Works, and the Dock and Warehouse Company, severally for authority to connect, by railroad tracks their works with the Grand Junction Railroad ; and National Tube Works et als.
- A petition of Samuel P. Billings and others for an act of incorporation as the Hatfield Branch Railroad Company ; and Samuel P. Billings et als.
- A petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for authority to take certain land to construct a wharf in Salem ; and Eastern Railroad Co.
- A petition of Thomas S. Ruddock and others for authority to build a railroad from Groveland to West Newbury, were referred to the committee on Railways. Thomas S. Ruddock et als.
- A petition of Artemas L. Brooks and others that the corrupt practices of the members of the State Police may be exposed, and the present liquor law may be enforced, was referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Artemas L. Brooks et als.
- A petition of Nelson D. White and others in relation to the valuation of reservoirs built for manufacturing purposes, was referred to the committee on Manufactures. Nelson D. White et als.
- A petition of the Somerset Iron Company for authority to extend their wharf in Somerset, was referred to the committee on Harbors. Somerset Iron Co.
- Also, a petition of Messrs. Brine and Clark for authority to extend their wharf over Miller's River in Cambridge. Brine and Clark.
- A remonstrance of William P. Brownell and others against the petition of Seth R. Thomas and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Seth R. Thomas et als.
- A petition of the county commissioners of Bristol County for authority to borrow money to complete the jail in Taunton, was referred to the committee on Prisons. County Commissioners of Bristol County.
- A petition of Captain George F. Merrill, of the Fourth Light Battery, for compensation for horses disabled in the employment of the Commonwealth, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Capt George F. Merrill.
- A petition of the city of Charlestown for compensation for the construction of certain sewers in said city ; and Charlestown.
- Petitions of State aid.
- Malinda P. Ryder ;

Priscilla Freeman ; and Nelson J. Webster, by his guardian, severally for state aid, were referred to the committee on Claims.

John G. Barry et als. A petition of John G. Barry and others for an act of incorporation as the Worcester Association of the Ancient Order of Hibernians ; and

Frank M. Blodgett et als. A petition of Frank M. Blodgett and others for an act of incorporation as the Grand Hotel Company ; and

A. Waterman et als. A petition of A. Waterman and others for an act of incorporation as the Everett Gas Light Company ; and

Boston Belting Co. A petition of the Boston Belting Company for authority to hold additional real estate in Suffolk and Norfolk counties ; and

Lynn Aqueduct Co. A petition of the Lynn Aqueduct Company for amendment of charter ; and

Alanson Long et als. A petition of Alanson Long and others for an act of incorporation as the Massachusetts Abattoir Company ; and

Albert Bowker et als. A petition of Albert Bowker and others for an act of incorporation as the East Boston Tunnel Company, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Henry L. Russell et als. A petition of Henry L. Russell and others for a grant in aid of the Homœopathic Hospital, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

F. J. Briggs et als. A petition of F. J. Briggs and others for the repeal of section 1 of chapter 320 of the acts of 1871, in relation to hunting deer with dogs, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Collateral Loan Co. A petition of the Collateral Loan Company for reimbursement of tax paid under the act of last year concerning the taxation of bank shares, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Charles E. Stevens et als. A petition of Charles E. Stevens and others for an act of incorporation as the Young Men's Debating Society ; and

Benjamin Harding. A petition of Benjamin Harding that measures may be taken to prevent the spread of cholera and diseases of cattle, were referred to the committee on Education.

George M. Buttrick et als. A petition of George M. Buttrick and others for a change of the phraseology of section 1 of chapter 81 of the General Statutes, so far as the same relates to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; and

First Unitarian Society in Peabody. A petition of the First Unitarian Society in Peabody, for a change of name, were referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Henry Dyer et als. A petition of Henry Dyer and others for the union of the cities of Boston and Charlestown ; and

A petition of Washington Reed and others that a part of the town of Abington may be set off and incorporated as a new town; and Washington Reed et al.

A petition of William L. Reed and others that a portion of the southern part of Abington may be set off and incorporated as a new town, were referred to the committee on Towns. William L. Reed et al.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To extend the time for the construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad;

To authorize the Lawrence Gas Company to increase its capital stock, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was laid on the table. Intoxicating liquors.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Miners' Savings Bank.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the parish of Grace Church in Newton to sell its real estate and church property, and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Grace Church in Newton.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Cabot Bank of Chicopee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in relation to the adoption of children, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed. Adoption of children.

The bills in relation to divorce was passed over. Divorce.

The House bills, Bills.

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal;

To authorize Nicholas Varina to extend his wharf in Newburyport;

To authorize James Damon and William G. Brown to extend their wharves in Ipswich;

To authorize Daniel W. Fuller to construct a wharf in Magnolia Village in Gloucester, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills
enacted, and
to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To provide for the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company upon its Saugus Branch Railroad.

To authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant.

To authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water fund bonds.

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 24, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Charles H.
Coolidge.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the selectmen of Watertown, reported

A resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Betterments.

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill in relation to betterments, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday on the question of rejection.

Police court
of Spring-
field.

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Springfield; and

Justice of
the police
court of Fall
River.

Mr. Torrey, from said committee, on the bill to increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River, severally reported that the same ought to pass.

Assistant
clerk of the
courts for
Worcester
County.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of the assistant-clerk of the courts for Worcester County, reported

A bill relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester; and these bills, under the rule, were referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Trustee pro-
cess.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill in relation to the trustee process, reported that the same ought not to pass; and it was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, on the question of rejection.

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the order relative to amending section 8 of chapter 157 of the General Statutes, in relation to the fees of witnesses ; and Fees of witnesses.

Mr. Boardman, from said committee, on the order relative to amendment of the statutes of 1868 and 1871, concerning the settlement of paupers ; and Settlement of paupers.

On the order in relation to amending chapter 171 of the acts of 1870, concerning holders of mortgages ; and Joint holders of mortgages.

On the order relative to the exposition of the names of parties doing business as express companies and other unincorporated companies under general names, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and these reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Express and other unincorporated companies.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of W. W. Godding in aid of that of F. O. Dewey and others. F. O. Dewey et als.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Charles Putnam and others, in aid of that of the town of Arlington, for authority to take water from Vine Brook. Arlington.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries inquire whether any legislation is necessary to prevent the catching of young fish for bait, by nets, in any pond or stream in which fish are artificially cultivated. Catching of fish for bait.

A petition of L. A. Roberts and others for an act of incorporation as a land company in the town of Brookline, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. L. A. Roberts et als.

A remonstrance of William Brownell and others against the petition of the mayor of the city of New Bedford, in relation to a reservoir for storing fish, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. New Bedford.

A petition of S. B. Rogers and others, in aid of that of Samuel Boyd and others, was referred to the committee on Railways. Samuel Boyd et als.

Petitions of

Mrs. William Johnson and others ;

Mrs. H. A. Loring and others ; and

Mrs. M. M. Fette and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject. Suffrage for women.

Ellen K.
Bascom.

A petition of Ellen K. Bascom for state aid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Cross Dam
in Boston.

A communication from the commissioners on Public Lands, in relation to the Cross Dam in the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company ;

To establish the boundary line between Mendon and Bellingham, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Lee and New
Haven R. R.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Lawrence
Gas Co.

The House bill to authorize the Lawrence Gas Company to increase its capital stock, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Divorce.

The bill in relation to divorce was laid on the table.

Boston,
Barre, and
Gardner
R. R. Co.

An engrossed bill to authorize the Boston, Barre, and Gardner Railroad Company to extend its road from Gardner to Winchendon (which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Boston and
Albany Rail-
road Co.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Senate give notice to Messrs. Joseph H. Chadwick of Boston, Isaac N. Ross of Holden, and William H. Murray, that they have been duly elected directors, on the part of the Commonwealth, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation, for the term of two years.

Also, to the clerk of the corporation, of the election of the above-named gentlemen.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported that the resolve to provide additional accommodations for books in the State Library ought to pass; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

State Library.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Printing, on the order in respect to authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, reported that the same ought to pass; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Mr. Whitney, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of Henry Nickerson and others, reported

Henry Nickerson.

A bill to authorize Henry Nickerson and others to build a wharf in Harwich.

Mr. Frost, from the same committee, on the bill to authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharves in Somerset, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of

Old Colony and Newport Railway Co.

"Bill to authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf in Somerset, and to construct an additional wharf"; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations consider the expediency of asking Congress to remit the duty upon philosophical and other apparatus.

Duties on philosophical and other apparatus.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Long presented a petition of Charles L. Heywood and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Middlesex R. R. Co.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented petitions of

W. A. Humphrey et al.

A. W. Goddard and others; and

David Coolidge and others, severally in aid of that of W. A. Humphrey and others.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Sidney Lawrence and others, in aid of that of the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Arlington.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Daniel Brown and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others; and

Thomas J. Borden et al.

Earl P. Ma-
son et als.

A petition of Jefferson Borden and others, in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others ; and

Freight sta-
tions.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of Frothingham and Com-
pany and others ; and

Mr. Griggs, a petition of Cyrus Wakefield and others ;
and

Mr. Baker, a petition of F. C. Warren and others, sever-
ally for regulation of the time for receiving and discharging
freight at railroad stations.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Society for
the Preven-
tion of
Cruelty to
Animals.

Mr. Frost presented a petition of the Society for the Pre-
vention of Cruelty to Animals for legislation to prevent the
overloading of horse cars and omnibuses. Referred to the
committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

For supplying the city of Lawrence with water (on the
petition of said city) ;

To extend the time for organizing the Amherst Gas Light
Company (on the petition of the same) ;

To authorize George M. Cook, William Jordan, and Ran-
dall G. Morse, to build wharves on Neponset River and Mill
Creek in Boston (on the petition of the same), were read
and ordered to a second reading.

Rooms for
the use of
probate
courts.

A bill relative to providing rooms for the use of probate
courts was read and referred to the committee on Probate
and Chancery.

Maynard.

A report of the committee on Towns, granting leave to
withdraw, on the petition of the town of Maynard, was read
and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Catharine D.
Hodge.
Thomas Sig-
gins et als.

A petition of Catharine D. Hodge, and a petition of
Thomas Siggins and others, severally for state aid, were
referred to the committee on Claims.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

A petition of John R. Poor and others, in aid of that of
the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred to the com-
mittee on Horse Railways.

Artemas L.
Brooks et
als.

A petition of Robert Kitson and others, in aid of that of
Artemas L. Brooks and others, was referred to the joint
special committee on the State Police.

John B.
Nichols et
als.

A petition of Daniel Hooke and others, in aid of that of
John B. Nichols and others, was referred to the committee
on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill to relieve the town of Saugus from the support of a public highway had been rejected by that branch. Saugus.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the vote whereby the bill in relation to the adoption of children passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule; and the bill was then recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Adoption of children.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the report on the order relative to the examination of the securities in charge of the Treasurer and Receiver-General was accepted; and thereupon the president appointed Messrs. Stickney and Learnard as the committee on the part of the Senate, under the provisions of the order reported by said committee. Securities in the hands of the Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Sent down for concurrence.

The resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Charles H. Coolidge.

The bill in relation to the trustee process before justices of the peace was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. Trustee process.

The bill in relation to betterments was laid on the table. Betterments.

The Senate bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Fitchburg R. R. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to establish the boundary line between Mendon and Bellingham was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Mendon and Bellingham.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary, on the orders, Reports.

Concerning the settlement of paupers ;

Concerning joint holders of mortgages ;

Respecting exposition of the names of express and other unincorporated companies ;

Relative to amending the General Statutes concerning appraisers of real estate, were severally accepted.

Bills enacted, and to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:

To revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company.

To extend the time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and materials and file its location.

To extend the time for the location and completion of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad.

To reduce the capital stock of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company.

For the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the committee on Manufactures, on the bill to unite and consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes, reported the same in a new draft.

Westhampton, Northampton, &c.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of Caleb Loud and others, reported

A bill to establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton, and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton.

Hingham Public Library.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the trustees of the Hingham Public Library, reported

A bill to incorporate the Hingham Public Library.

Register of deeds for Essex County.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill to authorize the register of deeds for the Southern District of the County of Essex to appoint an additional assistant; and these bills were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Justice of the police court of Fall River.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on Federal Relations, Washington monument. to whom was referred the message of the Governor, with a copy of an act of the Legislature of New York respecting the completion of the Washington Monument, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Towns, on the petitions of

William L. Reed and others; and

Washington Reed and others, reported that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw; and these reports, being considered under a suspension of the rule, were severally accepted. William L. Reed et als. Washington Reed et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on Special justices of the municipal court of Boston. the order in relation to the subject, reported

A bill relating to the compensation of the special justices of the Municipal Court of the city of Boston.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of Howes Norris, reported Howes Norris.

A bill to authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven Harbor; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Ordered, That the committee on the State Police consider what further legislation, if any, is necessary in relation to the payment into the treasury of the fees in cases brought to trial by the state constabulary. State Police, fees received by.

Also, to provide for the clerical and incidental expenses of that department.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of R. W. Holbrook and others, in aid of that of the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Arlington.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Long offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:— Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Ordered, That six thousand copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be printed,—one thousand five hundred copies to be for the use of the bureau, and the balance for the use of the Legislature.

*Papers from the House.***Bills.****Bills,**

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Amesbury Railroad (on the petition of the same) ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad (on the petition of Willis Phelps and others) ;

Concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

County of
Suffolk.

A bill to amend section 6 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, in relation to expenses of the county of Suffolk, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

C. T. Borden
et als.

A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. T. Borden and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Abel Story.

A bill to authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Walter D.
Nichols et
als.

A petition of A. B. Crane and others, in aid of the petition of Walter D. Nichols and others ; and

John B.
Nichols et
als.

A remonstrance of C. N. Rhodes and others, against the petition of John B. Nichols and others ; and

J. F. Dodge
et als.

A remonstrance of George H. Frost and others against the petition of J. F. Dodge and others, were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mayor of
New Bedford.

Remonstrances of

Pardon Taber and others, and Oliver E. Gifford and others, severally against the petition of the Mayor of New Bedford, in relation to a storing reservoir in said city, were referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

W. A. Humphrey
et als.

A remonstrance of Abel F. Rice and others against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Tileston
Hollingsworth
et als.

A petition of Tileston Hollingsworth and others, in relation to the taxation of reservoirs built to increase water power, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Pilot Com-
missioner.

A remonstrance of Joseph H. Wilson and others against the petition for the abolishment of the office of Pilot Commissioner.

Mayor of
Cambridge.

A petition of the Mayor of Cambridge for an equalization of the burden resulting from the exemption from taxation of the property of educational institutions, was referred to the joint special committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To authorize Henry Nickerson and his associates to build a wharf in Harwich ;

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf in Somerset, and to construct an additional wharf ;

To authorize George M. Cook, William Jordan and Randall G. Morse to build wharves on Neponset River and Mill Creek in Boston ;

To extend the time for organizing the Amherst Gas Light Company ;

For supplying the city of Lawrence with water ; and

The resolve to provide additional accommodation for books in the State Library, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill in relation to divorce was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Charles H. Coolidge.

Sent down for concurrence.

The report on the petition of the selectmen of Maynard, was accepted in concurrence.

Maynard.

The report of the committee on Printing on the order authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, was accepted, and the order accordingly adopted.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Bills enacted, and to Governor.

To incorporate the town of Holbrook.

To increase the number of assistant clerks in the Municipal Court of the city of Boston for criminal business.

In addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge.

To authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete their water works.

To incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank.

To change the name of the Parks and Wade Carpet Company of Palmer.

To amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes in relation to the seizure of vessels with shell-fish on board.

To revive and continue in force an act to incorporate the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Insurance Company.

To establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole.

To extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad.

To abolish the State Almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson.

To provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of Boston.

Resolves
passed, and
to Governor.

The following engrossed resolves (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the above named bills were laid before the governor for his approval, to wit:—

To furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago.

In favor of the city of Charlestown.

In favor of Benjamin Evans.

In favor of Timothy Murphy.

In favor of Luke Worthley.

Compensa-
tion for mili-
tary escorts.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill concerning compensation for military escorts passed to be engrossed, was taken from the table, and, being considered, was carried in the negative, and the bill was sent down for concurrence.

Annual elec-
tion sermon.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the resolve concerning the annual election sermon passed to be engrossed, was taken from the table and carried in the affirmative; and the question then being on passing the same to be engrossed, it was carried in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Better-
ments.

The bill in relation to betterments was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

New Eng-
land Mutual
Insurance
Company.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Insurance, on the petition of George E. Lord and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company.

Somerville.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill to authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, on the petition of Shebnah Rich and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Shebnah
Rich et als.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to give the governor power to remove public officers appointed by him.

Public off-
cers.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Dorr, Fitch and Company and others, for the further regulation of the keeping open of freight depots.

Freight sta-
tions.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Carpenter presented a remonstrance of the selectmen and others, of Foxborough against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others.

W. A. Hum-
phrey et als.

Also, a copy of the vote of the town of Walpole, in relation to the annexation of territory from Norfolk County to the city of Boston.

Walpole.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A report of the committee on Manufactures, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to compelling owners of buildings having open stairways or hatchways, to take measures for the better protection of the persons coming near them; and

Open stair-
ways or
hatchways.

A report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John W. Fletcher and others, were severally read and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

John W.
Fletcher et
als.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize the North End Savings Bank to change its location (on the petition of said bank);

In addition to an act incorporating the Brighton Branch Railroad Company, and to change the name of the same (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge Senchekontacket Opening (on the petition of William Bradley and others);

To incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill to extend the time for the location and construction

of the Merrimack Street Railway, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Bills.

Bills,

In addition to an act establishing the city of Chelsea ;

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Legislative business.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Kimball of Boston, Phillips of Salem, Parker of Lancaster, and Towne of Fitchburg, of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be a committee to inquire and report at what date the committees of the legislature may, with reason, be expected to conclude all business before them.

And Messrs. Thayer of Worcester, and Ames are joined on the part of the Senate.

Commissioners of prisons.

The first annual report of the commissioners of prisons, was referred to the committee on Prisons, in concurrence.

County treasurer of Berkshire County.

A bill to fix the salary of the county treasurer of Berkshire County (on the petition of George J. Tucker), was read and ordered to a second reading.

John F. Dodge et als.

Remonstrances of

A. J. Wheeler and others ; and

E. W. Underwood and others ; severally against the petition of John F. Dodge and others ; and

Seth R. Thomas et als.

A remonstrance of Abram Eldridge and others, against the petition of Seth R. Thomas and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Woman suffrage.

Petitions of

Samantha Stone and others ; and Sarah E. Benton and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the committee on that subject.

Albert Tolman et als.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of Albert Tolman and others, for an appropriation in aid of the Industrial School at Lancaster.

Referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Washington Reed et als.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey, the vote whereby the report on the petition of Washington Reed and others, was accepted ; and

William L. Reed et als.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the vote whereby the report on the petition of William L. Reed and others, was accepted, were severally reconsidered, and said petitions were severally referred to the next general court.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To incorporate the Hingham Public Library ;

To consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes ;

To establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton ;

To authorize the register of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex to appoint an assistant ;

Relating to the compensation of the special justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston ;

To authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf in Vineyard Haven Harbor ;

To authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex ;

Concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Amesbury Railroad ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad ;

To increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to authorize Henry Nickerson and his associates to build a wharf in Harwich, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf at Somerset and to construct an additional wharf, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

lb.

To authorize George M. Cook, William Jordan and Randall G. Morse to build wharves on Neponset River and Mill Creek in Boston ;

To extend the time for organizing the Amherst Gas Light Company ;

For supplying the city of Lawrence with water ; and

The resolve to provide additional accommodations for books in the State Library, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

State Library.

The Senate report on the message of the Governor with a

Washington Monument.

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copy of the act of the legislature of New York, concerning the Washington monument, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

C. T. Borden
et als.

The House report on the petition of C. T. Borden and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Witnesses.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to amending chapter 893 of the acts of 1870, concerning witnesses, was taken from the table and accepted.

Intoxicating
liquors.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was taken from the table, and the amendment proposed thereto by the committee, adopted.

Thereupon Mr. Potter moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court, and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Long,	Potter,	Richardson,
Safford,	Smith,	Tarbox,
Torrey,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.—12.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Bradley,
Brewster,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Frost,	Griggs,	Humphrey,
Lobdell,	Noble,	Parsons,
Pike,	Thayer, S.,	Wakefield,
Wallace,	Woodwell,	Wright.—18.

So the motion was carried in the negative.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Coe,	Frost,	Giles,
Griggs,	Humphrey,	Lobdell,
Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,
Thayer, S.,	Wakefield,	Wallace,
Woodwell,	Wright.—20.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Hewes,	Johnson,
Learnard,	Long,	Potter,
Richardson,	Safford,	Smith,
Tarbox,	Torrey,	Whitney, J. S.—12.

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills en-
acted, and to
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

To authorize the formation of railroad corporations.

To authorize Nicholas Varina to extend his wharf in Newburyport.

To authorize James Damon and William G. Brown to extend their wharves in Ipswich River.

To authorize Daniel W. Fuller to construct a wharf in Magnolia Village in Gloucester.

To incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge.

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal.

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, and for other purposes.

An engrossed resolve authorizing payments for certain repairs at the state prison (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval. Resolve passed, and to Governor.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

A communication was received from the Hon. Charles Hale resigning his seat at the Senate Board as senator from the third Suffolk District, he having been appointed assistant secretary of State of the United States. Charles Hale.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Ordered, That the vacancy in the Senate caused by the resignation of the Honorable Charles Hale of the Third Suffolk Senatorial District be filled by election of the people of said district, and that the president of the Senate be directed to issue his warrant therefor. Third Suffolk Senatorial Dist.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, reported Fitchburg Railroad Co.

A bill to increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Smith from the committee on Printing, on the order in relation to the subject, reported State printing.

A resolve concerning the state printing; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Frost from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of J. H. Morton and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. J. H. Morton.

Better-
ments.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to betterments ; and

County of
Suffolk.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill to amend the sixth section of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, in relation to the expenses of the county of Suffolk ; and

Assistant
clerks of the
courts of
Worcester
County.
Clerk for the
police court
of Spring-
field.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill relating to the salary of the assistant clerks of the courts of the county of Worcester ; and

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the bill to provide a clerk of the police court of Springfield, severally reported that these bill ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Courts of in-
solvency.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the repeal of chapter 118 of the General Statutes, and the acts in addition thereto, in relation to courts of insolvency, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cross Dam
in Boston.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee on Public Lands, on the bill relating to the road known as the " Cross Dam " in the city of Boston, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Henry White
et als.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Henry White and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Banks and Banking ; and the report being considered, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Boston Eight
Hour
League.

Mr. Long presented a petition of W. F. Mallalieu and others, in aid of that of the Boston Eight Hour League.

Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

I. and H. K.
Osborn.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of I. and H. K. Osborn and others, in relation to the keeping open of freight depots.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Public
watering
places.
Industrial
schools.

A bill authorizing selectmen of towns to establish public watering places (on the order in relation to the subject); and

A bill to authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools (on the petition of William Gaston and others), were read and ordered to a second reading.

Free passes
to members
of the Legis-
lature.

A report of the committee on Railways, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to free passes over

railroads to members of the legislature, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A resolve to authorize the transfer of certain funds, and the payment of the 5-20 war loan bonds, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Payment of the five-twenty war loan bonds.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider what regulation, if any, is necessary to provide for the uniform payment of bands employed in the militia service. Militia.

Petitions of

Clarissa D. White and others ;

Mrs. T. M. Kingsbury and others ;

M. Solomon and others ;

S. A. Rice and others ;

Abby D. Hicks and others ; and

Francis M. W. Jackson and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

The annual report of the Harbor Commissioners, was referred to the committee on Harbors. Harbor Commissioners.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company ; Bills.

To authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds ;

To incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence ;

To authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge Senche-kontacket Opening ;

To revive the charter of the Merrimack Street Railway Company, and to extend the time for the location and completion of the road ;

In addition to an act incorporating the Brighton Branch Railroad Company, and to change the name of the same ;

To authorize the North End Savings Bank to change its location ;

To fix the salary of the County Treasurer of Berkshire County, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report on the petition of Shebna Rich and others, was laid on the table. Shebna Rich et als.

The House reports,

On the petition of John W. Fletcher, and on the order relative to protection from accidents in buildings having Reports.

open stairways or hatchways, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Hingham
Public
Library.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Hingham Public Library, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mill River
and William-
burg Reser-
voir Com-
panies.

The Senate bill to consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Westham-
pton.

The Senate bill to establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Register of
deeds for
Essex
County.

The Senate bill to authorize the register of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex to appoint an assistant, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Special Jus-
tice of the
Municipal
Court in
Boston.

The Senate bill relating to the compensation of the special justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Howes
Norris.

The Senate bill to authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf in Vineyard Haven Harbor, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Amesbury Railroad ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad ;

To increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad, was read a third time, amended in the title and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Woodwell moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors passed to be engrossed; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman, Learnard, Richardson,	Hewes, Long, Torrey,	Johnson, Potter, Whitney, J. S. —9.
NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Coe, Griggs, Parsons, Stickney, Wakefield, Wright.—19.	Bradley, Frost, Humphrey, Pike, Tarbox, Woods,	Carpenter, Giles, Noble, Smith, Thayer, S., Woodwell,

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the Trustees of Worcester Academy, reported

Worcester Academy.

A bill to amend the charter of the Worcester Academy in Worcester.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of A. J. French in behalf of the Franklin Library Association, reported

Franklin Library Association.

A bill to authorize the Franklin Library Association to transfer its property to the city of Lawrence.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of the Deerfield Guards, reported

A bill in relation to uniforms of disbanded military companies.

Uniforms of disbanded military companies.
Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Co.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company, reported

A bill to revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of R. P. Crafts and others, reported

Mechanics' Savings Bank.

A bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Holyoke; and

Weymouth
and Braintree
Institution for Savings.

On the petition of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings, reported

A bill to change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings.

Superintendents of
schools.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the bill in relation to the election of superintendents of schools in cities, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

First District
Court of
Eastern
Worcester.

Mr. Thayer, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to establish the first district court of Eastern Worcester, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Location of
disputed
division
lines, &c.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill for the location of disputed division lines, and building and repairing fences, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Petitions.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petitions of

William Murnane and others;

Henry McGrath and others;

Michael Heaney and others;

Thomas Cole and others;

John G. Barry and others;

James McGrath and others; and

The Franklin Library Association of Franklin; and

Mr. Frost, from the same committee, on the petition of Sidney H. Morse and others, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, as they can organize under the general laws.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, submitted a similar report on the petition of Harmon Barnes and others.

Text-books
in public
schools.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the order relative to providing for a uniformity of text-books in the public schools; and

Land companies.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the order relative to the formation of land companies under general laws; and

Trauant
children.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order in relation to amending the statutes respecting truant children, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and these reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Franklin
County.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of

Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court house at Greenfield, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, re-
ported the House bills, Bills.

In addition to an act establishing the city of Chelsea ;

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water, severally reported the same without amendment ; and the above bills were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve to authorize the transfer of certain funds, and the payment of the 5-20 war loan bonds, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Five-twenty war-loan bonds.

Mr. Noble presented a petition of O. A. Granger and others, for amendment of the act of 1870, relative to the taking of wild pigeons. O. A. Granger et als.

Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of Benjamin T. Crooker and others, for a grant in aid of a Homœopathic Hospital. Benjamin T. Crooker.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Carpenter presented a remonstrance of J. White Belcher and others, against the petition of the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company, for change of location ; and Old Colony and Newport Railway Co.

Mr. Johnson, a petition of the Standard Sugar Refinery and others, in relation to the keeping open of freight depots, were referred to the committee on Railways. Freight stations.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Sheldon presented remonstrances of Dennis Dickinson and others and S. T. Field and others, severally against authorizing the county commissioners of Franklin County to borrow money for the purpose of building a court house. Court house for Franklin County.

Severally laid on the table.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn ;

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A report, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Railways, on the petition of Asa Willard and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Asa Willard et als.

Pickeral
bait.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 384, section 201 of the acts of 1869, so that pickeral bait may be taken between the first day of August and the first day of December.

Com-
missioners on
Fisheries.

Also, that the same committee inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of commissioners of fisheries, or of modifying the powers of the commissioners.

Congressional
Districts.

Also, that the joint special committee on redistricting the Commonwealth consider the expediency of preparing maps for distribution among the members of the legislature, showing the present congressional representative districts in colors, together with a list of towns and cities in the several districts, their population by the last census; and such other information as will assist the legislature in redistricting the Commonwealth.

Ferries.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of amending chapter 47, section 6, of the General Statutes, in relation to ferries, by adding, after the word "town," the words "or towns"; and in the sixth line, by adding, after the word "and," the words, "the commissioners may order the whole or a part of the expense incurred by the town or towns"; and in the seventh line, by striking out the words, "shall be paid by the town," and substituting, "to be paid in the same manner as provided in respect to county roads"; and of repealing section 7 of the chapter.

Woman suf-
frage.

Petitions of
Elizabeth Hayes and others,
Rebecca W. Knowles and others,
A. Lovering and others,
James F. Allen and others,
Sarah Ford and others,
Mary K. Marcy and others,
Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and others,
Hannah S. Harriman and others,
Hannah F. Peabody and others,
Mary J. Andrews and others,
Sarah A. Wilson and others,
Maria F. Walling and others,
A. O. Stickney and others, and

Mrs. A. C. Allen and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women; and

A remonstrance of Lydia H. Warner and others against the same, were severally referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

A petition of Edwin C. Bissell and others, in aid of that of the trustees of Amherst College, was referred to the committee on Education.

Amherst College.

A petition of George A. Field and others, in aid of that of Walter D. Nichols and others; and

Walter D. Nichols et als.

A remonstrance of J. C. Parsons and others against the petition of Phineas Stedman and others, were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Phineas Stedman et als.

A remonstrance of the Somerset Iron Company and others against the petition of Thomas J. Borden and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

T. J. Borden et als.

Petitions of P. F. Folsom and others, C. H. Merrick and others, Amasa Norcross and others, Alden Besse and others, John Saxton and others, and H. M. Streeter and others, severally for a grant from the State in aid of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mass. Homœopathic Hospital.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company;

In relation to betterments;

Relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester;

• To authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools;

To authorize selectmen of towns to establish public watering places;

To amend the 6th section of chapter 17 of the General Statutes in relation to expenses of the county of Suffolk, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Springfield, was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Police court of Springfield.

The bill relating to the road known as the Cross Dam, in the city of Boston, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Cross Dam in Boston.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the repeal of chapter 118 of the General Statutes, concerning courts of insolvency;

Courts of insolvency.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of J. H. Morton and others, were severally accepted, and the latter sent down for concurrence.

J. H. Morton et als.

Came up concurred.

Free passes
over rail-
roads to
members of
the Legisla-
ture.
Ib.

The House report of the committee on Railways, on the order relative to members of the Legislature receiving passes from railroad corporations, was read.

Mr. Wright offered, as a substitute therefor, a resolve relating to free passes on railroads; and the motion being considered, the substitute was rejected, and the report was accepted in concurrence.

N. E. Mutual
Ins. Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Somerville.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge Senche-kontacket Opening;

To revive the charter of the Merrimack Street Railway Company, and to extend the time for the location and completion of the road;

In addition to an act incorporating the Brighton Branch Railroad Company, and to change the name of the same;

To authorize the North End Savings Bank to change its location;

To fix the salary of the county treasurer of Berkshire County, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Central Dis-
trict Court.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester, the bill to establish the Central District Court was taken from the table, amended in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, and further amended on motion of the same senator, and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourns on Saturday, March 2, it be to meet on Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Railway
committee.

The President appointed Mr. Baker as member of the committee on Railways, in place of Mr. Hale resigned.

Also, announced that Mr. Thayer of Berkshire would assume the duties of chairman of said committee.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill in relation to the adoption of children, reported the same in a new draft ; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Adoption of children.

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill to establish the District Court of Northern Worcester, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and it was placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday, on the question of rejection.

District Court of Northern Worcester.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the order relative to further legislation concerning the surviving of actions at law ; and

Actions at law.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the order relative to the recording of attachments and liens on real estate, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and the reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Horse Railways ; and the report was accepted, and the petition sent down for concurrence in the reference.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mr. Boardman, from the same committee, on the order relative to the removal of public officers appointed by the Governor, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on the State Police ; and the report was accepted, and the order sent down for concurrence in the reference.

Removal of public officers.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to issue additional water bonds. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Cambridge.

Mr. Long presented a remonstrance of Jonathan Stone and others against the annexation of Charlestown to Boston. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation of Charlestown to Boston.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Jacob K.
Lunt et als.

A report of the joint special committee on State Commissionerships, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jacob K. Lunt and others was read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday next.

Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Of the committee on Towns, on the petition of William J. R. Evans;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Samuel L. Pratt and others, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and

Intoxicating
liquors.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the sales of liquor in Boston by agents of the State Liquor Commissioner, were severally read, and, under a suspension of the rule, accepted in concurrence.

Steam
boilers.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Manufactures consider and report if any legislation is necessary concerning the use of steam boilers, to prevent the occurrence of explosions, limit their danger, or fix their responsibility.

School-ship.

Also, that the committee on Claims consider whether any of the proceeds of the sale of the school ship, George M. Barnard, should be returned to any person who contributed funds for the purchase of said ship; and if they shall deem it proper that any of said proceeds should be returned, to report an act or resolve authorizing such return.

Ventilation
of the State
House.

Also, that the Board of Health be requested to examine and report at the earliest practicable time to the Legislature,—

1. Whether a proper ventilation of the halls and committee rooms of the State House would or not conduce to the health and comfort of the members of the Legislature.

2. Whether, if so, they can discover any objections or insuperable obstacles to such ventilation.

3. Whether they can recommend any action in the premises in behalf of the present or a succeeding generation.

B. T. Crocker
et als.

A petition of Homer Merriam and others, for a grant from the state in aid of the Homeopathic Hospital, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

P. L. Moen
et als.

A petition of L. Pomeroy and Sons and others, in aid of that of P. L. Moen and others, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Woman suf-
frage.

Petitions of
Abby L. Davis and others,
Maria H. Bray and others,
Annie S. Hooper and others,

Pemela W. Leland and others, and

Anna J. Hutchinson and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Severally in concurrence.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Harding and others, and that the same be referred to the committee on Agriculture, was non-concurred, and thereupon the Senate referred said petition to the next General Court.

Benjamin
Harding et
als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House announcing that the Senate bill in relation to the tenure of office of overseers of the poor had been rejected by that branch.

Overseers of
the poor.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To authorize the Franklin Library Association to transfer its property to the city of Lawrence ;

To amend the charter of the trustees of the Worcester Academy, in Worcester ;

In relation to uniforms of disbanded militia companies ;

To revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company ;

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank in the town of Holyoke ;

To change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings ;

In relation to the appointment of superintendents of public schools in cities ;

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Chelsea, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish the First District Court of Eastern Worcester, was read a second time, amended in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, Mr. Thayer of Worcester moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said bill was ordered to a third reading ; and the motion was carried in the affirmative, and the bill was then further amended, and again ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money, for the purpose of alter-

ing the court house at Greenfield, was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee, and ordered to a third reading.

**Location of
division
lines.**

The bill for the location of disputed division lines, building, maintaining and repairing fences, and the duties and fees of fence viewers, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Reports.

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the order relative to the formation of land companies under general laws;

Of the committee of Education, on the order relative to a uniformity of text-books in the public schools; and

Of the same committee, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Harmon Barnes and others; and

A similar report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs on the petitions of

John G. Barry and others,

William Murnane and others,

The Franklin Library Association,

James McGrath and others,

Henry McGrath and others,

Sidney H. Morse and others,

Michael Heany and others, and

Thomas Cole and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending the statutes concerning truant children was accepted.

**Asa Willard
et al.**

The House report of the committee on Railways, on the petition of Asa Willard and others was accepted in concurrence.

**Fitchburg
R. R. Co.**

The Senate bill to increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Better-
ments.**

The Senate bill in relation to betterments was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Police court
of Spring-
field.**

The Senate bill to provide a clerk of the police court of Springfield was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Courts of the
county of
Worcester.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to establish the Central District Court was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Central Dis-
trict Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

To authorize selectmen of towns to establish public watering places ;

To amend the 6th section of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, in relation to expenses of the county of Suffolk, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill to authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools was read a third time and passed over.

An engrossed resolve to authorize the transfer of certain funds and the payment of the five-twenty war-loan bonds (which originated in the House) passed (the rule requiring the same to go to the committee on Engrossed Bills, being suspended), and laid before the Governor for his approval.

Five-twenty
war-loan
bonds.
Resolve
passed and
to Governor.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Joseph A. Hyde and others, reported

Bridgewater
Savings
Bank.

A bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank ; and

On the petition of John C. Whitin and others, reported

Whitinsville
Savings
Bank.

A bill to incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank, to be located in the town of Northbridge.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of Solomon Attaquin and others, reported

Sandwich
and Mash-
pee.

A bill to annex a part of the town of Sandwich to the town of Mashpee.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the order in relation to the subject, reported

A resolve relating to a boarding-house for the Normal School at Westfield ; and these bills and resolve were read and ordered to a second reading.

Westfield,
Normal
School at.

Somerset
Iron Co.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Somerset Iron Company, reported

A bill to authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend its wharf in Taunton River.

Camp
ground for
the militia.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the Governor's address relating to the subject, reported

A bill to provide a camp-ground for the militia ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Pond &
Dunklee.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Pond and Dunklee, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Settlement
of paupers.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to a change in the laws of settlement of paupers, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

District
Court for
Central
Hampshire.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill to establish a district court for Central Hampshire ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Safford,

Redistricting
the Com-
monwealth.

Ordered, That the committee on redistricting the Commonwealth for Representatives in Congress be authorized to procure such maps for their use as they may deem necessary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Printing, reported that the order relative to printing certain copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor should be adopted ; and the report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.

F. A. Wall
et als.

Mr. Pike presented a petition of Henry B. Leighton and others, in aid of that of F. A. Wall and others. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Thomas
White et als.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of Calvin French and others, in aid of that of Thomas White and others. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Tarlton C.
Luce et als.

Mr. Bradley presented a petition of M. P. Butler and others, in aid of that of Tarlton C. Luce and others. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Police court
of Charlestown.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Torrey presented a remonstrance of M. F. Gardner and others against the establishment of a District Court in Middlesex County, to be located at Ayer. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. M. F. Gardner et als.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the Adjutant-General; and the same was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Annual report of the Adjutant-General.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1871 and previous years, and for other purposes was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Appropriations.

A bill to authorize the town of Milford to take and convey water to Vernon Grove Cemetery (on the petition of the selectmen of Milford) was read and ordered to a second reading. Vernon Grove Cemetery.

A bill to amend an act concerning the division of flats, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Division of flats.

Reports of the committee on Railways, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Reports.

Sumner Richardson and others,

Luther Hill and others,

Orlando Mason and others,

Spencer B. Root and others,

Samuel Boyd and others,

C. W. Bellows and others,

H. F. Barrows and others,

Daniel Holt and others,

Joseph Fisher and others,

S. P. Billings and others,

Thomas Stacey and others, and

Andrew Burnham and others; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of Amos Cummings and others; and

Of the committee on Insurance, on the petition of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The petition of O. A. Granger and others, came up non-concurred in the reference thereof to the committee on Agriculture, and the same was laid on the table. O. A. Granger et als.

A petition of Catharine Abbott and others that the right of suffrage may be granted to women was referred to the joint special committee on that subject. Catharine Abbott et als.

Mass.
Homeopath-
ic Hospital.

Petitions of

Wendell Phillips and others,
Thomas Russell and others,
William Wood and others,
Josiah E. Fuller and others,
Henry Parkhurst and others,
Nehemiah Gibson and others,
William J. Seaver and others, and
C. W. Thayer and others, severally for the establishment
and endowment of a Homeopathic Hospital, were referred
to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

F. Shanly
& Co.

Petitions of

John F. Arnold and others,
George M. Darby and others,
Mark Hopkins and others,
J. P. Blackinton and others,
Salmon Burlingame and others, and

A. E. Richmond and others, severally in aid of that of F.
Shanly and Company, were referred to the committee on
the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally in concurrence.

Methodist
Church in
Winthrop.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the
House, announcing that the Senate bill to authorize the
trustees of the Methodist Church in Winthrop to sell certain
real estate had been rejected by that branch.

Adoption of
children.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in rela-
tion to the adoption of children was read a second time and
ordered to a third reading.

District
Court of
Northern
Worcester

The bill to establish the District Court of Northern Wor-
cester, was read, and, in accordance with the report of the
committee thereon, rejected.

Actions at
law.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the
order respecting further legislation in relation to the sur-
viving of actions at law was laid on the table.

Attachments
on real es-
tate.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary in relation
to the recording of attachments and liens on real estate was
accepted.

Jacob K.
Lunt et als.

The House report on the petition of Jacob K. Lunt and
others was accepted in concurrence.

Franklin Li-
brary Asso-
ciation.

The Senate bill to authorize the Franklin Library Associa-
tion to transfer its property in the city of Lawrence was
read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Worcester
Academy.

The Senate bill to amend the charter of the trustees of

the Worcester Academy, in Worcester, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in relation to uniforms of disbanded militia companies was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Militia companies, uniforms of.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank, in the town of Holyoke was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Mechanics' Savings Bank.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in relation to the election of superintendents of public schools in cities was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Superintendents of public schools.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to establish the First District Court of Eastern Worcester was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

First District Court of Eastern Worcester.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

To incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank, in Lawrence ;

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water ;

In addition to act to establish the city of Chelsea, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court house at Greenfield was read a third time.

Court-house at Greenfield.

Mr. Sheldon moved to amend the same, by striking out the amendment adopted at the last stage of the bill ; viz.,

striking out the word "forty," and inserting the word "thirty"; and the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Ames, Humphrey, Sheldon,	Fuller, Learnard, Wallace.—8.	Hewes, Pike,
NAYS. —Messrs. Bartholomew, Frost, Stickney, Torrey, Whitney, J. S.,	Bradley, Johnson, Tarbox, Wakefield, Woods,	Carpenter, Richardson, Thayer, S., Whitney, B. D., Woodwell.—15.

So the amendment was rejected, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence, as heretofore amended, and sent down for concurrence in the amendment.

Came up concurred.

Industrial
schools.

The House bill to authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools, was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Connecticut
River R. R.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the bill relating to the Connecticut River Railroad, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Normal
School at
Westfield.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve relating to a boarding-house for the State Normal School at Westfield; and

State print-
ing.

Mr. Whitney, of Worcester, from the same committee, on the resolve concerning the state printing, severally reported that the same ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

State
Arsenal.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject, reported

A resolve to authorize the sale of the state arsenal; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Disabled
Soldiers'
Employment
Bureau.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Em-

ployment Bureau, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to increase the salary of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Police court
of Lynn.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad Company; and

Salisbury
and Exeter
R. R. Co.

Mr. Lobdell, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of Phineas Stedman and others, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Phineas
Stedman
et als.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Expenditures, on the petition of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Insurance; and the report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Manufacturers'
Ins. Co.
et als.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Safford, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of A. G. Stimson, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A. G. Stimson.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Nathan Durfee and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Thomas J.
Borden et
als.

Mr. Long presented petitions of Gardner Prouty and others, and Cyrus Wakefield and others, severally in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

For supplying the village of South Hadley Falls with water (on the petition of Joseph H. Carew and others);

To authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road (on the petition of George C. Winchester and others);

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and West Springfield (on the petition of J. C. Worthy and others);

In relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and West Springfield (on the petition of C. C. Wright and others) ;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of completing the erection of a new jail at Taunton (on the petition of said commissioners), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Thomas S.
Ruddick et
als.

A report of the committee on Railways, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas S. Ruddick and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Charles B.
Blaisdell.

A petition of Charles B. Blaisdell, guardian of Edward Goodrich, for state aid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mass.
Homeopath-
ic Hospital.

Petitions of
William H. Huse and others,
William B. French and others,
John M. Kennedy and others, and
S. S. Dennis and others, severally for the establishment of a Homeopathic Hospital, were referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Fall River,
Warren and
Providence
R. R. Co.

A remonstrance of Joseph F. Chace and others against so much of the petition of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company as relates to the closing of the draw-bridges over Cole's and Lee's Rivers was referred to the committee on Railways.

Solomon At-
taquin et als.

A remonstrance of Oliver Harlow and others against the petition of Solomon Attaquin and others was referred to the committee on Towns.

John F.
Dodge et als.

Petitions of
Z. T. Hunt and others,
Edmund Pope and others,
Alexander Pope and others, in aid of, and
A remonstrance of W. H. Tileston and others against, the petition of John F. Dodge and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank, to be located in the town of Northbridge ;

To annex a part of the town of Sandwich to the town of Mashpee ;

To authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend their wharf in Taunton River ;

To authorize the town of Milford to take and convey water to Vernon Grove Cemetery, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank, to be located in the town of Bridgewater, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading. Bridgewater Savings Bank.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order respecting the settlement laws, was accepted. Settlement laws.

The Senate report on the petition of Pond and Duncklee, was accepted. Pond & Duncklee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports on the petitions of

Reports.

Sumner Richardson and others,

Luther Hill and others,

Orlando Mason and others,

Spencer B. Root and others,

Samuel Boyd and others,

H. F. Barrows and others,

Daniel Holt and others,

Joseph Fisher and others,

S. P. Billings and others,

Thomas Stacey and others,

Andrew Burnham and others,

Amos Cummings and others, and the Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Senate bill in relation to the adoption of children, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Adoption of children.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to provide a camp ground for the militia, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. militia.

The report on the petition of C. W. Bellows and others, was laid on the table. C. W. Bellows et alia.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, to wit:— Bills enacted.

To abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School.

To supply the town of Holyoke with pure water.

To authorize Frederick Tudor to construct a wharf at Black Rock in Nahant.

To authorize the Lawrence Gas Company to increase its capital stock.

To establish the boundary line between Hudson and Bel-
lingham.

Mr. Baker, at his own request, was excused from serving as a member of the committee on Mercantile Affairs; and Mr. Fuller was appointed in his place. Committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Worcester
Horticultural
Society.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, reported

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Worcester Horticultural Society ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriations.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1871 and for other purposes, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment ; and the bill was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, amended as proposed by the committee, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Division of
flats.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend an act concerning the division of flats ; and

Police court
of Charlestown.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to increase the salaries of the justices and clerk of the police court of Charlestown, severally reported that the same ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Albert Tol-
man et als.

Mr. Stickney, from said committee, on the petition of Albert Tolman and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition, and that the same be referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions ; and the petition was sent down for concurrence in the reference.

Came up concurred.

Tame doves.

Mr. Ames, from the committee on Agriculture, on the order relative to the snaring of tame doves ; and

Cattle Com-
missioners.

On the annual report of the Cattle Commissioners, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Thomas
White et als.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of Thomas White and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Taxation of
insurance
companies

Ordered, That the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares inquire into the expediency of repealing sections one

and six, or any other provisions of chapter 224 of the acts of 1862. and depositors in savings banks.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Learnard,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that the check lists used in cities at elections, shall be returned by the city clerk and sealed up with the ballots. Check lists used at elections.

On motion of Mr. Wallace,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex. County of Middlesex, courts of.

Mr. Johnson presented a remonstrance of Cook, Jordan and Morse and others, against the petition of John F. Dodge and others. John F. Dodge et als.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill relating to inspection of pot and pearl ashes was read and ordered to a second reading. Pot and pearl ashes.

A resolve in relation to soldiers' and sailors' diplomas was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Soldiers' and sailors' diplomas.

Subsequently, Mr. Stickney, from said committee, reported the resolve without amendment; and it was read twice under a suspension of the rule and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A bill relating to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and territories was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Commissioners of Mass.

A report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the order relative to repealing or amending the act establishing a state workhouse, the same being that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. State workhouse.

A remonstrance of George Talbot and others, against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others was referred to the committee on Towns. W. A. Humphrey et als.

A petition of Jonathan Preston and others for the enactment of a law in relation to the construction of buildings was referred to the committee on Insurance. Jonathan Preston et als.

A petition of William H. Floyd and others in aid of that J. F. Dodge et als.

of John F. Dodge and others was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mass.
Homeopath-
ic Hospital.

Petitions of
E. C. Howland and others,
William Rice and others,
Franklin Haven and others,
William F. Esty and others, and Henry Fuller and others,
severally for the establishment of a Homeopathic Hospital,
were referred to the committee on Education.

Woman
suffrage.

Petitions of
Emma Williams and others,
Bertha Benjamin and others,
Mrs. G. L. Sleeper and others,
Harriett M. Carlton and others; and James Brand and
others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to
women were referred to the joint special committee on that
subject.

Severally in concurrence.

Phineas
Stedman et
als.
Lexington.

A petition of B. B. Belcher and others in aid of that of
Phineas Stedman and others was laid on the table.

Mr. Boardman, on leave, introduced a bill concerning the
election of town officers in Lexington; and the same was
read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed
to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize the county commissioners of the county of
Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of completing the
erection of a new jail at Taunton,

To authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to ex-
tend its road,

For supplying the village of South Hadley Falls with
water, and

The resolves,

Relating to a boarding-house for the Westfield Normal
School,

Concerning the state printing,

Authorizing the sale of the State Arsenal,

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau,
were severally read a second time and ordered to a third
reading.

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The bills,

Concerning the Connecticut River Railroad Company,

To establish a free bridge over the Connecticut River

between Springfield and West Springfield, were severally read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and West Springfield, was read a second time and refused a third reading; subsequently, Mr. Torrey moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was refused a third reading; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Connecticut River, bridge across.

Mr. Noble proposed certain amendments to said bill, which, with the bill, were ordered to be printed.

The Senate report on the petition of A. G. Stimson, was accepted.

A. G. Stimson.

The Senate reports on the petitions of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad Company, and

Reports.

Phineas Stedman and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House report on the petition of Thomas Ruddick and others, was accepted in concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank in Bridgewater was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Bridgewater Savings Bank.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank in the town of Northbridge was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Whitinsville Savings Bank.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to annex a part of the town of Sandwich to the town of Mashpee was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sandwich & Mashpee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend their wharf in Taunton River was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Somerset Iron Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to authorize the town of Milford to take and convey water to Vernon Grove Cemetery was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Milford.

The following acts were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills laid before the Governor

To abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School.

To supply the town of Holyoke with pure water.

To authorize Frederick Tudor to construct a wharf at Black Rock in Nahant.

To authorize the Lawrence Gas Company to increase its capital stock.

To establish the boundary line between Mendon and Bellingham.

Bills
enacted, &c.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, and, with the exception of the last four, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To establish the city of Fitchburg.

To incorporate the North Avenue Savings Bank of Cambridge.

To authorize George M. Cook, William Jordan and Randall G. Morse to build wharves at Neponset River and Mill Creek in Boston.

To extend the time for organizing the Amherst Gas Light Company.

To extend the times for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad.

To supply the city of Lawrence with water.

To increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River.

To authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex.

ib.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), passed to be engrossed, to wit:—

To revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes.

To extend the times for the location and construction of the Amesbury Railroad.

State Library.

An engrossed resolve (which originated in the House), to provide additional accommodation for books in the State Library passed and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 8, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street, Springfield, reported

Methodist
Episcopal
Church in
Springfield.

A bill to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee, reported

Trustees of
the School
Fund in
Chicopee.

A bill to authorize the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Second
Hawes Con-
gregational
Society of
South
Boston.

Mr. Griggs, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of John B. Alley and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was recommitted with instructions to hear the parties thereon.

John B.
Alley et als.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the order relative to amending sections 38 and 39 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Land taken
for school-
house pur-
poses.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing a second assistant clerk of the superior court in the county of Suffolk.

Superior
Court for
Suffolk
County.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of William Claffin and others for the establishment of separate prisons for women.

Prisons for
women.

Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds was read and ordered to a second reading.

Malden.

Estates of deceased persons.

A bill in relation to the distribution of unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Reports.

Reports, of the committee on Railways, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of A. D. Bacon and others, and Jonathan D. Wheeler and others; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the organization of a company of cavalry in the city of Cambridge, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Final reports of committees.

A report of the committee appointed on the order of inquiry as to when the several committees may be able to make their final reports, the same concluding with an order relative to the subject, was accepted in concurrence, and the order was accordingly adopted, and is as follows:—

Ordered, That the several committees report finally upon all matters before them on or before the 30th day of March, instant.

Concerning sureties for recognizance.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending section 58, chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, as to provide that any person required to recognize under the provisions of said section, shall furnish sureties upon such recognizance.

Adulterated milk.

Also, that the committee on Agriculture inquire if any further legislation is expedient to prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk.

Chapin and Gould.

A petition of Crocker, Burbank and Company and others, in aid of that of Chapin and Gould, for regulation of the taxation of reservoirs was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

State almshouse at Tewksbury.

A petition of the Superintendent and Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury for an appropriation for repairs; and

Homeopathic Hospital.

Petitions of

Albert M. Knapp and others,
Alpheus W. Pope and others,
Samuel S. Curtis and others,
Charles G. Stevens and others,
H. C. Clapp and others,
George E. Mendum and others, and

Samuel Gregg and others, severally for the establishment of a homeopathic hospital, were referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

A remonstrance of A. T. Stearns and others, against the petition of John F. Dodge and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. John F. Dodge et als.

A petition of Martha J. Webster and others, that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, was referred to the committee on that subject. Martha J. Webster et als.

A communication was received from the House announcing that the Senate bill relating to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston, had been rejected by that branch. C. Burrill.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield was refused a third reading, was carried in the affirmative, and the bill was then amended, on motion of Mr. Noble, and ordered to a third reading. Bridge over Conn. River.

The bills,

In addition to an act to incorporate the Worcester County Horticultural Society ; Bills.

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown ;

To amend an act concerning the division of flats ;

Relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate reports, on the order relative to the snaring of tame doves ; and Reports.

The annual report of the Cattle Commissioners, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report on the petition of Thomas White and others was laid on the table. Thomas White et als.

The House report on the order relative to amending certain provisions of the act to establish a state workhouse was accepted in concurrence. State workhouse.

The Senate resolve relating to a boarding-house for the Westfield Normal School was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Westfield Normal School.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resolve concerning the state printing was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. State printing.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resolve to authorize the sale of the State Arsenal was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. State Arsenal.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Connecticut
River R. R.
Co.

The Senate bill concerning the Connecticut River Railroad Company was read a third time, amended in the title by substituting therefor the following:—

“Bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to contract for rights of way over connecting roads,” and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bridge over
the Con-
necticut River.

The House bill to establish a free bridge over the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield, was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of completing the erection of a new jail at Taunton ;

To authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road ;

For supplying the village of South Hadley Falls with water ; and

Disabled
Soldiers' Em-
ployment
Bureau.

The House resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

C. W. Bel-
lows et als.

The House report, on the petition of C. W. Bellows and others was taken from the table and accepted in concurrence.

Bills enact-
ed, and to
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To extend the time for the construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad.

To authorize the North End Savings Bank to change its location.

To authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge Senche-kontacket Opening.

To revive the charter of the Merrimack Street Railway Company, and to extend the time for the location and completion of its road.

To fix the salary of the county treasurer of Berkshire County.

Bills laid
before the
Governor.

The following acts were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes.

To extend the times for the location and construction of the Amesbury Railroad.

To extend the times for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad.

To supply the city of Lawrence with water.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the petition of C. A. Hewins and others, reported West Roxbury Free Library.

A bill to incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of Horatio Alger and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Horatio Alger et al.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize the town of Westport to construct a bridge over the East Branch of Westport River (on the petition of said town);

To authorize the city of Fall River to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek (on the petition of the city);

To incorporate the Proprietors of the Huntington House, Boston (on the petition of Isaac S. Cruft and others); and

A resolve authorizing the destruction of certain bonds (a substitute for the Senate order relative to the subject), were severally read and ordered to a second reading. Bonds.

A resolve in favor of Garrie O'Dakin (on the petition of Heman C. Woodward), was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Garrie O'Dakin.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Reports.

Of the committee on Expenditures (on the petition of the Cary Improvement Company);

Of the committee on Public Lands (on the petition of George H. Lyman and others), were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Petitions of

Woman suffrage.

Alfred Bicknell and others; and

Ruth E. Drury and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women were referred to the committee on that subject.

James
Ritchie.

A petition of James Ritchie, for the payment of expenses incurred in procuring the reimbursement of taxes illegally paid by the State to the General Government was referred to the committee on Claims.

L. H. Pease
et als.

A petition of L. H. Pease and others, for a change in the law respecting the taking of wild pigeons was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

W. A. Hum-
phrey et als.

A remonstrance of John C. Abbott and others, against the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others ; and

Boston and
Charles-
town.

A remonstrance of the town of Medway, against the annexation of any part of Norfolk County to the city of Boston, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Mary S. Jen-
kins et als.

A petition of Mary S. Jenkins and others, that the right of suffrage may be granted to woman was referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Severally in concurrence.

Boston
Eight-Hour
League.

Mr. Long, from the committee on the Labor Question, on the petition of the Boston Eight Hour League, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Adjutant
General.

Mr. Potter from the committee on Military Affairs, on the annual report of the adjutant-general, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon, and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Malden.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Josiah Quincy and others, in aid of the petitions of certain citizens of Malden for a reduction of fares upon railways.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Intoxicating
liquor.

Notice was received from the House of the rejection by that branch, of the Senate bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up and the bills,

To change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield ;

To authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Second
Hawes Con-
gregational
Society.

The Senate bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee thereon, and ordered to a third reading.

Trustees of
the school
fund in
Chicopee.

The bill to authorize the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

The House bill in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield, was read a third time as heretofore amended, amended in the title by striking therefrom the words "in relation to," and inserting instead thereof, the words "to establish," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Bridge over the Connecticut River.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Worcester County Horticultural Society was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Worcester County Horticultural Society.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown ;

To amend an act concerning the division of flats were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes was read a third time, and certain amendments being proposed thereto, the same was laid on the table, and the amendments ordered to be printed.

The Senate report relative to the taking of land for school-house purposes was accepted.

Relative to the taking of land for school-house purposes.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House reports on the order relative to the formation of a cavalry company in the city of Cambridge ; and

Reports.

On the petitions of

A. D. Bacon and others ; and

Jonathan D. Wheeler and others were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association was taken from the table, read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Bills enacted, and to the Governor.

To extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company.

To authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate.

To incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence.

To amend the sixth section of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, in relation to the expenses of the county of Suffolk.

To amend the charter of the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad Company.

To authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools.

To authorize selectmen of towns to establish public watering places.

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water.

In addition to an act to establish the city of Chelsea.

Soldiers' and
sailors' diplo-
mas.

An engrossed resolve in relation to soldiers' and sailors' diplomas (which originated in the House) passed, and, with the above named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Clerk.

The President announced that he had received a communication from the Clerk stating his inability to be present by reason of illness ; and thereupon,

Clerk *pro*
tem.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, Messrs. Bartholomew and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes for a Clerk *pro tempore*.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that Hilton F. Hosmer was elected.

And he being present, was qualified by taking the oath required, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

On motion of Mr. Wright, that senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them of the election of a clerk *pro tempore*.

Mr. Ames was charged with a similar message to the House of Representatives.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Treasurer.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Expenditures, on the order relative to the subject, reported

- A bill to establish the salaries of the treasurer and receiver-general of the Commonwealth and the assistant clerks of the treasurer and receiver-general.

Old Colony
and Newport
R. R. Co.

Mr. Baker from the committee on Railways, on the bill to unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company, and Cape Cod Railroad Company, reported the same in a new

draft ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Humphrey from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill requiring county commissioners to provide rooms for the use of probate courts, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Probate courts.

Mr. Richardson from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill relating to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in the other states and in the territories, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Commissioners for Mass in other States.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, on leave, introduced a resolve in reference to opening Indian territory to settlement, and the same was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Indian territory.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Robert C. Winthrop and others, in aid of the recommendation of the prison commissioners for a reformatory prison for women.

Reformatory prison for women.

Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of James Y. Smith and others, in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others ; also

Earl P. Mason.

A petition of Avery P. Slade and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others.

Thomas J. Borden et als.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be directed to consider the expediency of so amending the statutes, that towns of less than two thousand inhabitants may be authorized to elect a full board of school committee annually.

School committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of Patrick H. Rogers for authority to extend his wharf in South Boston ; and the petition coming under the 16th joint rule, was referred to the next General Court.

Patrick H. Rogers.

Papers from the House.

A petition of S. T. Field and others, trustees of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank for refunding of a tax was referred to the committee on Claims.

S. T. Field et als.

**Military
escorts.**

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill concerning compensation for military escorts had been rejected by that branch.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library ;

To incorporate the Proprietors of the Huntington House, Boston ;

To authorize the city of Fall River to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek ;

To authorize the town of Westport to construct a bridge over the east branch of Westport River ; and

Bonds.

The resolve to authorize the destruction of certain bonds, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

**Boston
Eight-Hour
League.**

The report of the joint special committee on the Labor Question, on the petition of the Boston Eight Hour League was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Reports.

The House reports, granting leave to withdraw,

On the petitions of George H. Lyman and others ; and

The Cary Improvement Company, were severally accepted in concurrence.

**M. E. Church
in Spring-
field.**

The Senate bill to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Second
Hawes Con-
gregational
Society.**

The Senate bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Trustees of
the school
fund in
Chicopee.**

The Senate bill to authorize the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds ;

To incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of the Boston Board of Trade, reported Alien passengers.

A bill in relation to alien passengers; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester submitted a minority report on the same subject, granting the petitioners leave to withdraw.

Mr Fuller, from the same committee, on the order relative to the subject, reported State Visiting Agency.

A bill in relation to the state visiting agency.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill concerning elections in cities.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the committee on Expenditures, on the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County, reported Elections in cities
Dukes County Commissioners.

A bill to fix the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn, reported the same without amendment, and it was ordered to a second reading. Police Court of Lynn.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate bill to provide a camp ground for the militia, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Militia.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported Assistant clerk of courts of Middlesex County.

A bill relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of J. Wiley Edmands, treasurer of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, reported Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

A resolve in aid of said institution.

Mr. Fuller from the same committee, on the petition of the superintendent of the State Primary School at Monson, reported State Primary School at Monson.

A resolve providing for the purchase of land and improvements at the State Primary School at Monson, and also for selling outlands; and the bill and resolves were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

N. E. Moral
Reform
Society.

Henry S.
Russell et
als.

House of
the Angel
Guardian.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of the New England Moral Reform Society; and

On the petition of Henry S. Russell and others, and sundry petitions in aid of the same; and

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the same committee, on the petition of the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Notes of
hand, suits
upon.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what further legislation, if any, is necessary in relation to suits upon notes of hand, where there is no defence.

Settlement
of paupers.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what, if any, further legislation is necessary relative to the settlement of paupers.

First District
Court of
Northern
Worcester.

The same senator presented a remonstrance of the selectmen and others of the town of Littleton against the establishment of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Earl P.
Mason et als.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of John Westall and others, in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Lansing J.
Cole et als.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire presented a petition of Lansing J. Cole and others for a modification of the law of last year relative to the taxation of bank shares. Referred to the committee on that subject.

Pickled fish

Mr. Baker presented a remonstrance of Isaac Rich and Company and others, against any change in the law in relation to inspecting and packing pickled fish. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To change the time of holding the annual municipal elections in cities;

To establish the Third District Court of Southern Worcester were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

To.

Bills to extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad, (on the petition of Willis Phelps and others);

To authorize the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Barrett's station to Springfield, (in a new draft) ;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad, and to authorize a change of the location of said road, (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Railways, on the petition of P. L. Moen and others ; and Reports.

On the petition of the National Tube Works and the Dock and Warehouse Company, and

Of the committee on Agriculture, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the hunting of rabbits with ferrets, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a joint special committee of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider, and, if expedient, report, a bill providing for a scientific survey and exhibit of the sources of supply of pure water now existing in the state. Relative to the sources of supply of pure water in the state.

A petition of John A. Knowles and others, in aid of that of A. L. Brooks and others, was referred to the committee on the State Police. A. L. Brooks et als.

A petition of William C. Davol, Jr., and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others was referred to the committee on Railways. Thos. J. Borden et als.

Severally in concurrence.

Petitions of

A. H. Seabury and others,
Gilbert Waitt and others,
Benjamin Rodman and others,
A. W. Gardner and others,
George W. Tuttle and others,
Arthur Searle and others, and

Thomas J. Bancroft and others, severally for a grant from the state in aid of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital were laid on the table. Mass. Homeopathic Hospital.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting a return of votes in the election held in the Third Suffolk District for the choice of a senator to fill the vacancy at the board occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Charles Hale ; and said return was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Boardman, Woods, and Parsons. Third Suffolk Senatorial District.

Subsequently, Mr. Boardman, from the committee, sub- Francis W. Jacobs.

mitted a report, by which it appeared that Francis W. Jacobs was elected; and he, being present, was conducted to the Governor, duly qualified, and thereupon took his seat.

Probate
Courts.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill requiring county commissioners to provide rooms for the use of probate courts was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Old Colony
and Newport
R. R. Co.

The bill to unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railroad Company, and for other purposes was read a second time and passed over.

Commis-
sioners of
Mass.

The bill relating to the qualification of commissioners of Massachusetts in the other states and in the territories was passed over.

West Rox-
bury Free
Library.

The Senate bill to incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To incorporate the proprietors of the Huntington House in Boston,

To authorize the city of Fall River to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek,

To authorize the town of Westport to construct a bridge over the east branch of Westport River,

To authorize the destruction of certain bonds were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Treasurer.

The bill to establish the salaries of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth and the assistant clerks of the Treasurer and Receiver-General was read a second time.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester moved to strike out the first section of the bill, to wit:—

“The salary of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth shall hereafter be five thousand dollars per annum, commencing with the present year.” And the question on the adoption of this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, and determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Griggs,
Parsons,
Wallace.—7.

Hewes,
Thayer, A. Long,
Torrey,

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,
Bradley,
Coe,
Humphrey,
Learnard,

Baker,
Brewster,
Fuller,
Jacobs,
Lobdell,

Boardman,
Carpenter,
Giles,
Johnson,
Noble,

NAYS.—Messrs. Pike, Potter, Richardson,
 Smith, Stickney, Tarbox,
 Thayer, S., Wakefield, Whitney, B. D.,
 Whitney, J. S., Woods, Wright.—27.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Hewes moved to amend, by striking out the word n. “fifteen,” in the second section, and inserting in place thereof the word “eighteen”; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Hewes, Noble, Whitney, J. S.—3.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Baker, Boardman,
 Bradley, Brewster, Carpenter,
 Coe, Fuller, Giles,
 Griggs, Humphrey, Jacobs,
 Johnson, Learnard, Lobdell,
 Long, Parsons, Pike,
 Potter, Richardson, Smith,
 Stickney, Tarbox, Thayer, A.,
 Thayer, S., Torrey, Wakefield,
 Wallace, Whitney, B. D., Woods,
 Wright.—31.

So the motion to amend was lost.

The bill was then amended in the second section by inserting after the word “dollars” the word “each,” and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on State Commissionerships. Pot and
pearl ashes.

The following engrossed bills (the first five of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:— Bills
enacted.

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf in Somerset, and to construct an additional wharf.

To authorize Henry Nickerson and his associates to build a wharf in Harwich.

To authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf in Vineyard Haven Harbor.

To consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes.

To establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southamptou.

To authorize the town of Milford to take and convey water to Vernon Grove Cemetery.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Monson
Savings
Bank.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the bill to incorporate the Monson Savings Bank, and the petition of William N. Flynt and others, reported that the bill ought to pass ; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Perma-
nent Peace
Fund.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the Trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund, reported

A bill to authorize the Trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate.

Superior
Court in
Suffolk
County.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Settlement
of paupers.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to further legislation concerning the settlement of paupers, and

Slaughter-
houses, &c.

On the order relative to amending chapter 167 of the acts of 1871, concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, and

Suits upon
notes of
hand.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the order relative to suits upon notes of hand where there is no defence, and

Insurance
companies.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, on the order relative to the formation of insurance companies under general laws, and

Concerning
the taking of
stock by
towns in
railroad cor-
porations.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the order relative to repealing section 3 of chapter 325 of the acts of 1870, concerning towns taking stock in railroad corporations, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and the reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Wilmington
and West
Cambridge
R. R. Co.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Wilmington and West Cambridge Railroad Company, and

Alfred
Hackett et
als.
John Sanderson
et als.

On the petition of Alfred Hackett and others, and

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the petition of John Sanderson and others, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Noble,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of causing five thousand additional copies of the Report of the State Board of Health to be printed for the use of the legislature.

State Board of Health.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Edward S. Tobey and Alpheus Hardy and others, in aid of the recommendation of the prison commissioners for a reformatory prison for women.

Reformatory prison for women.

Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Carpenter, on leave, introduced resolutions to provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports and general and special laws and standard weights and measures; and the same were read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Norwood and Holbrook.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on Towns, on the order relative to the boundary lines of the town of Mashpee, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mashpee.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the petition of Jennie Collins and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Jennie Collins et als.

Papers from the House.

A resolve in favor of Robert Channell (on the petition of the same), was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Robert Channell.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad, and to increase its capital stock for that purpose (in a new draft),

To incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company (in a new draft),

In addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in the town of West Springfield (on the petition of J. O. Moseley and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the roads and bridges throughout the State, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Roads and bridges.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill in

Sealing of weights and measures.

relation to the sealing of weights and measures, was accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Horatio
Alger et als.

The Senate report of the committee on Education, on the petition of Horatio Alger and others, granting the petitioners leave to withdraw, came up recommitted to the committee with instructions to hear the parties; and the Senate concurred in the recommitment.

Imprison-
ment of per-
sons con-
victed of
drunken-
ness.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of providing proper and suitable institutions, other than jails and houses of correction, for the confinement and punishment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness.

Insurance
Companies.

Also, that the committee on Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 43 of chapter 58 of the General Statutes, with reference to voting by policy and proxy holders.

Commission-
ers on In-
land Fisher-
ies.

A report of the committee on the Fisheries, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the order relative to abolishing the office of fish commissioners, and that the same be referred to the committee on State Commissionership, was accepted in concurrence.

Woman
Suffrage.

Petitions of

Almira H. French and others,
Charlotte F. Taber and others,
Sophia B. Wright and others, and

Hannah Turner and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were severally referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Thos. J.
Borden et
als.

A petition of J. B. French and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others, and

Wales & Co.
et als.

A remonstrance of B. L. Fitzpatrick and others, against the petition of Wales and Company and others, were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Homeo-
pathic Hos-
pital.

Petitions of

James N. Buffum and others,
J. H. Sherman and others,
J. B. Fish and others,
M. E. Nichols and others, and

Robert P. Rogers and others, severally for a grant from the State in aid of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, were severally laid on the table.

New Eng-
land Mutual
Ins. Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company, came up concurred, with certain amendments which were adopted in concurrence, except that pro-

posed in section 5, striking out the words "on such terms as they shall deem expedient"; and pending the question on the adoption of this amendment, the bill was laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bills, Police Court of Fitchburg.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg,

In relation to the appointment of superintendents of schools in cities, had severally been rejected by that branch. Superintendents of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the annual report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Agriculture. Mass. Agricultural College.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

In relation to the state visiting agency,

Concerning elections in cities,

To fix the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County,

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn,

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad,

To authorize the Athol and Enfield Railroad to extend its railroad from Barrett's Station to Springfield,

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad, and to authorize a change of location of the same, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, Reports.
on the petition of Henry S. Russell and others, the Trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian, and on the petition of the New England Moral Reform Society were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Reports granting leave to withdraw of the committee on n. Railways, on the petition of the National Tube Works and P. L. Moen and others, and

Of the committee on Agriculture, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the hunting of rabbits with ferrets, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The House bill requiring county commissioners to provide rooms for the use of probate courts was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Probate Courts.

The House bill relating to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in the other states and in the terri- Commissioners of Mass.

tories, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Alien passengers.

The Senate bill in relation to alien passengers was read a second time and the question on ordering the same to a third reading (an amendment proposed to the second section having been lost), was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Boardman,
Bradley,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
Hewes,	Jacobs,	Johnson,
Larnard,	Long,	Pike,
Potter,	Richardson,	Safford,
Sheldon,	Smith,	Tarbox,
Thayer, S.,	Torrey,	Whitney, B. D.,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods.—26.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Brewster,	Humphrey,	Lobdell,
Noble,	Thayer, A.,	Wakefield.—6.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Treasurer.

The bill to establish the salaries of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, and the assistant-clerks of the Treasurer and Receiver-General was read a third time as amended, and further amended by striking out the word "assistant" and inserting in place thereof the word "extra." The same amendment was made in the title.

Mr. Humphrey moved to strike out the word "five," in the first section, and insert in place thereof the word "four," and the question on the adoption of this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Hewes,	Humphrey,	Sheldon,
Thayer, A.—4.		
NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Boardman,
Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Coe,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Jacobs,	Johnson,
Larnard,	Lobdell,	Noble,
Pike,	Potter,	Richardson,
Safford,	Smith,	Stickney,
Tarbox,	Thayer, S.,	Torrey,
Wakefield,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods.—28.		

So the amendment was rejected, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Old Colony and Newport R. R. Co.

The bill to unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railroad Company was laid on the table.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to further legislation in relation to the surviving of actions at law was taken from the table and accepted.

An engrossed bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court house at Greenfield (which originated in the House), passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 14, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to establish the District Court of Central Hampshire, reported the same in a new draft, and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill to establish the Third District Court of Southern Worcester, and

Mr. Torrey, from said committee, on the bill to change the time of holding the annual municipal elections in cities, severally reported that the bills ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Charles W. Elliot and others in aid of the recommendation of the prison commissioners, for a reformatory prison for women.

Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company (on the petition of Donald Kennedy and others),

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River (on the petition of Walter D. Nichols and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, Reports.

Of the committee on Agriculture on the order relative to amending section 1 of chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, concerning the shooting of woodcock,

Of the committee on the Labor Question, on the order relative to the employment of convicts in the State Prison, severally that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon, and

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Claims, on the petitions of Mary J. Brown, Lucinda A. Hanson, and Thomas Timothy, and

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of H. F. Payton and others were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

E. T. Colby
et als.

A report of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of E. T. Colby and others, and that the same be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was accepted in concurrence.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

A petition of Nathaniel Brown and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Geo. G. Foz-
zee et als.

A remonstrance of George G. Fozzee and others, against the annexation of the town of Bradford to the city of Haverhill, was referred to the committee on Towns.

C. E. Bliss
et als.

A remonstrance of J. R. Carpenter and others against the petition of C. E. Bliss and others was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lowell.

Resolutions of the city council of the city of Lowell relative to the repeal of the 8th section of chapter 894 of the acts of the year 1871 concerning the penalty for bribing or attempting to bribe a state constable were referred to the committee on the State Police in concurrence.

Id.

Mr. Richardson presented resolutions of the same city relative to the same subject. Referred to the committee on the State Police.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of Charles Boardman and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Asahel P.
Squires.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of Asahel P. Squires for reimbursement for money expended and compensation for services rendered in the arrest of the Grafton Bank robbers. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Thos. J. Bor-
den et als.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Samuel B. Hussey and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Hours for
receiving
freight at
railroad sta-
tions in Bos-
ton.

Mr. Richardson presented remonstrances of

A. D. Macomber and others,
A. Wheelock and others,
Horace S. Coy and others,
H. T. Brown and others, and

Kent and Bean and others, severally against any legislation which shall require railroad corporations to receive goods at their stations, arriving after certain hours.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Berkshire,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of conferring additional powers upon county commissioners relative to easements upon highways. County Commissioners.

The House order relative to reports on bills referred to joint committees was taken from the table and rejected. Reports, &c., referred to committees.

The report of the committee on Insurance, on the petition of Shebnah Rich and others, was taken from the table, and recommitted to the committee on Insurance with instructions to hear the parties thereon. Shebnah Rich et als.

The bill to unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railroad Company and for other purposes, was taken from the table and ordered to a third reading. Old Colony and Newport R. R. Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Monson Savings Bank,

To authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate,

For the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk,

In addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in the town of West Springfield,

To incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company,

To authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad, and to increase its capital stock for that purpose, were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary on the orders, Reports.

Relative to further legislation concerning the settlement of paupers,

Relative to amending chapter 167 of the acts of 1871, concerning slaughter houses and noxious and offensive trades,

To suits upon notes of hand where there is no defence, were severally accepted.

Reports that it is inexpedient to legislate, R.

Of the committee on Towns on the order relative to the boundary lines of the town of Mashpee,

Reports.

Of the committee on Insurance on the order concerning the formation of insurance companies under general laws,

Of the committee on Railways relative to repealing section 3 of chapter 325 of the acts of 1870, concerning the taking of stock by towns in railroad corporations, and

Reports of said committee, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Alfred Hackett and others, and the Wilmington and West Cambridge Railroad Company, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Roads and bridges.

The House report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the order relative to the roads and bridges throughout the State was accepted in concurrence.

Jennie Collins et al.

The report of the committee on Education on the petition of Jennie Collins and others was laid on the table.

John Sanderson et al.

The report of the committee on Education on the petition of John Sanderson and others was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Sheldon moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said report was accepted, and the motion was carried in the affirmative, and the report was recommitted.

Alien passengers.

The Senate bill in relation to alien passengers was read a third time and (sundry amendments proposed thereto being rejected) passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

State Visiting Agency.

The Senate bill in relation to the state visiting agency was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Commissioners of Dukes County.

The Senate bill to fix the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn,

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad,

To authorize the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Barrett's station to Springfield,

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad, and to authorize

a change of the location of the same, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning elections in cities was read a third time and passed over. Elections in cities.

The bill to incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company was taken from the table, and the Senate concurred with the House in the amendment at "E." New England Mutual Ins. Co.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:— Bills enacted, and to the Governor.

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1871 and previous years, and for other purposes.

In addition to an act incorporating the Brighton Branch Railroad Company to change the name of the same and for other purposes.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the bill to authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia, reported the same with an amendment, and it was referred to the committee on the Treasury. Militia.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the order relative to repealing chapter 359 of the acts of 1870 concerning the state visiting agency, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. State visiting agency.

Papers from the House.

The Senate bill to revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company came up concurred, with an amendment striking out sections 2, 3, and 4, and inserting in place thereof a new section as section 2; and the Senate concurred in the amendment proposed by the House. Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Co.

A resolution in relation to American seamen, substituted in the House for the report of the committee thereon, was read and ordered to a second reading. American seamen.

Reports.

Reports of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the treatment of the inmates of the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, and

Of the same committee, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of

The Saint Mary's Lying-in Hospital,

The Springfield Home for Friendless Women and Children,

The New England Hospital for Women and Children, and

Patrick Donahoe,

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of James J. H. Gregory and others,

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Nathaniel Freeman, and

Of the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Simon H. White and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

John F. Dodge et al.

A petition of C. T. Grilley and others, in aid of that of John F. Dodge and others was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

M. F. Lynch.

A petition of M. F. Lynch in relation to loans and brokerage by savings banks was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally in concurrence.

Relating to the source of supply of pure water in the State.

The order in relation to the appointment of a committee to provide for a scientific survey and exhibit of the sources of supply of pure water now existing in the state came up, and Messrs. Parker of Lancaster, Crafts of Holyoke, and Denny of Leicester are appointed the committee on the part of the House.

And the President took time to appoint.

John Preston.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of John Preston, reported

A bill to authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek, in Boston; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Cambridge.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill in addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water, and on the petition of the city of Cambridge, reported that the bill ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester,—

Horse railroad corporations.

Ordered, That the committee on Horse Railroads be in-

structed to report a general law with regard to the building of horse railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report of the committee on Education on the petition of Jennie Collins and others was taken from the table and accepted. Jennie Collins et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.
To establish the District Court of Central Hampshire,
To establish the Third District Court of Southern Worcester,

To change the time of holding the annual municipal election in cities, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

House reports,

Reports.

On the order relative to the employment of convicts in the State Prison, and

On the petitions of H. F. Payton and others,

Lucinda A. Hanson,

Thomas Timothy, and

Mary J. Brown, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, on the order relative to the shooting of woodcock was passed over. Woodcock.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Monson Savings Bank was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Monson Savings Bank.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Permanent Peace Fund.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Superior Court in Suffolk County.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

In addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in the town of West Springfield,

To incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company,

To authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad and to increase its capital stock, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Old Colony
and Newport
R. R. Co.
and Cape
Cod R. R.
Co.

The Senate bill to unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railroad Company, and for other purposes was read a third time, amended and ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Elections in
cities.
Highland
Street Rail-
way Co.

The bill concerning elections in cities was passed over.

The bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company was read a second time; and after debate,

Mr. Torrey moved that the same be laid on the table; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bartholomew,	Brewster,
Carpenter,	Coe,	Fuller,
Giles,	Hewes,	Jacobs,
Lobdell,	Safford,	Smith,
Stickney,	Thayer, A.,	Thayer, S.,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Wallace.—18.
NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Boardman,	Frost,
Learnard,	Long,	Noble,
Parsons,	Pike,	Potter,
Tarbox,	Whitney, J. S.—11.	

So the bill was laid on the table.

Taunton
Great River.

The bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

State Board
of Health.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing five thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed on the orders of the day for Monday.

Earl P. Ma-
son et als.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Thomas G. Turner and others of Rhode Island in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock,

To change the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association (on the petition of the same),

To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank (on the petition of Francis M. Weld and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

Reports.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the order relative to amending chapter 324 of the acts of the year 1871 concerning the Boston Coöperative Building Company,

Of the committee on Education, on the order relative to authorizing towns to return to the school district system,

Of the committee on Horse Railroads, on the order relative to amending section 21 of the acts of 1871, chapter 381, concerning the keeping of streets in repair by horse railroad companies, and

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Railways, on the petition of William Mattoon and others, and the memorial of the town of Malden, asking for relief from grievances resulting from the management of certain railroads,

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petitions of Luther Childs and others, and Solomon Taylor and others, and

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of Joseph Carter and others, and

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of F. O. Dewey and others, were severally read and placed on the orders of the day for Monday.

Resolves,

Resolves.

To provide for the care of discharged female prisoners,

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, were severally read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions,

A petition of the trustees of the State Reform School for an additional appropriation was referred to the same committee.

State Reform School.

A petition of G. M. Haffard and others, in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others was referred to the committee on Railways.

Thomas J. Borden et al.

Severally in concurrence.

An engrossed bill to establish a free bridge over the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield,

Bridge over the Connecticut River.

came from the House with an amendment to the title,—substituting therefor the following, to wit:—

“An act to make free the existing bridge over the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield”; and the vote being reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, the Senate concurred in the amendment, and the bill was again passed to be engrossed.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek in Boston,

In addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

**American
seamen.**

The resolution relating to American seamen was read a second time and passed over.

Reports.

The reports,

On the order relative to the treatment of the inmates of the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, and

On the petitions of

The St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital,

The Springfield Home for Friendless Women and Children,

The New England Hospital for Women and Children,

Patrick Donahoe,

James J. H. Gregory and others,

Nathaniel Freeman,

Simon H. White and others, and

On an order relative to the shooting of woodcock, were severally accepted in concurrence.

**State Visit-
ing Agency.**

A report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the order relative to the State Visiting Agency and juvenile offenders was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To establish the Third District Court of Southern Worcester,

To change the time of holding the annual municipal elections in cities, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

**Elections in
cities.**

The bill concerning elections in cities, was laid on the table.

The bill to establish the District Court of Central Hampshire was passed over.

The bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River was read a third time and passed over. Taunton Great River.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Brewster, the vote whereby said bill was passed over was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was then amended by inserting certain parts stricken out yesterday, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first ten of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, to wit:— Bills enacted, and to Governor.

To incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank in North-bridge.

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank in Holyoke.

To incorporate the Hingham Public Library.

To incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank in Bridgewater.

To authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend its wharf in Taunton River.

To authorize the Franklin Library Association to transfer its property to the city of Lawrence.

To authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds.

To increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company.

To change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings.

To annex a part of Sandwich to Mashpee.

To incorporate the proprietors of the Huntington House in Boston.

To incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

To authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road.

To authorize the town of Westport to construct a bridge over the East Branch of Westport River.

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to borrow money for the purpose of completing the erection of a new jail at Taunton.

To authorize the city of Fall River to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek.

To authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water-fund bonds.

To amend an act concerning the division of flats.

To supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water.

In relation to uniforms of disbanded militia companies.

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown. And

The following engrossed

Resolves
passed, and
to Governor.

Resolves (both of which originated in the House), passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To authorize the destruction of certain bonds.

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

Relating to the inspection of leather (on the order in relation to state commissionerships),

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad, and for other purposes (on the petition of Samuel Walker and others),

To revive the charter of the National Glass Insurance Company (in a new draft),

To amend the charter of the Groveland Mutual Fire Insurance Company (on the petition of said company), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Capt. M.
Matheson
et als.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Captain M. Matheson and others was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Tilden Free
Bridge Corp.

Mr. Brewster, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of John Tilden and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation ; and

Worcester
Lunatic Hos-
pital.

On the petition of John F. Verry, Mayor of Worcester,

A bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Lighting of
railroad cars.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on Railways, on the bill in addition to an act concerning the lighting of railroad passenger cars, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of

Bill concerning the lighting of railroad cars.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the petition of Ellen L. Morey, reported Augustus N. Currier, trustee.

A resolve in favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee ; and these bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order in relation to the election of inspectors of elections, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Inspectors of elections.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the State Police, on the petition of Artemas L. Brooks and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Artemas L. Brooks et als.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize the relocation, by railroad corporations, of passenger stations and freight depots (on an order in relation to the subject) was read and ordered to a second reading. Re-location of passenger stations and freight depots.

A report of the committee on Railways, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to regulating the hours during which freight shall be received at railroad stations and sundry petitions relative to the subject, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Freight stations.

The President appointed Messrs. Wallace and Jacobs as the committee on the part of the Senate, on the order in relation to a scientific survey of the sources of supply of pure water in the state. Sources of supply of pure water in the State.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank ;

To change the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association ;

To authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate report on the order relative to printing certain additional copies of the Report of the State Board of Health was accepted. State Board of Health.

The House reports, Reports.

On the order relative to the act to incorporate the Boston Coöperative Building Association ;

On the order relative to authorizing towns to establish the school district system ;

On the order relative to requiring horse railroad companies to keep streets in repair ; and

On the petitions of

William Mattoon and others,
 Luther Childs and others,
 Solomon Taylor and others,
 Joseph Carter and others,
 F. O. Dewey and others, and

On the memorial of the town of Malden, were severally accepted in concurrence.

John Preston.

The Senate bill to authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek in Boston was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Cambridge.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

American seamen.

The resolution relating to American seamen was next considered, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; and the question was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Brewster,	Coe,
Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
Hewes,	Humphrey,	Jacobs,
Johnson,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Long,	Noble,	Parsons,
Pike,	Potter,	Safford,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Wakefield,	Wallace,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods.—25.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Richardson.—2.

So the resolution was ordered to a third reading.

District Court of Central Hampshire. State Board of Health.

The bill to establish the District Court of Central Hampshire was passed over.

The annual report of the State Board of Health was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Education.

Provincetown Dike.

The report of the Commissioners on the Provincetown Dike was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Harbors.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thayer, of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the bill concerning the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company, reported the same in a new draft.

Hartford and
New Haven
R. R. Co.

Mr. Giles, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Tarlton C. Luce and others, reported

Dukes County
Savings
Bank.

A bill to incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on State Commissionerships, to whom was recommitted the bill relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Pot and
pearl ashes.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, to whom was committed the bill to authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia, reported that the same ought to pass with the amendment proposed by the committee on Military Affairs; and the report was considered, and the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Militia.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to changing the place of holding the June term of the Superior Court for the county of Middlesex, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Superior
Court for the
County of
Middlesex.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund; and

Mass. School
Fund.

On so much of the Governor's address as relates to public schools, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon; and the reports, being considered, were accepted.

Public
schools.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Tarbox, on leave, introduced a bill for the better protection of public ways; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Public ways.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of William J. Swinburne and others, in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Earl P. Ma-
son et als.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to enable

Banking as-
sociations.

parties to organize and do banking business under the laws of this Commonwealth.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Resolves.

Resolves,

In favor of the town of Blackstone (on the petition of the selectmen of said town),

In favor of George S. Merrill (on the petition of the same),

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings for taxes overpaid (on the petition of the same), were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of H. C. Rice and others,

Of the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Leonard Bailey and others ;

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petitions of

The Temporary Home for Discharged Female Prisoners, and

The State Industrial School ; and

A report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending the act concerning the Salem Turnpike and Chelsea Bridge and the several toll bridges in Essex County, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation, Relating to the inspection of leather,

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad, and for other purposes,

To revive the charter of the National Glass Insurance Company,

To amend the charter of the Groveland Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

To authorize the relocation, by railroad corporations, of passenger stations and freight depots, and

Augustus N. Currier, trustee.

The resolve in favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

The bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was laid on the table.

The bill concerning the lighting of railroad cars was recommitted to the committee on Railways. Lighting of railroad cars.

The report on the order relative to the election of inspectors of elections was accepted. Inspectors of elections.

The Senate report on the petition of Artemas L. Brooks and others was accepted. Artemas L. Brooks et al.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House reports, on the order relative to fixing the time for the receipt of freight at railroad depots, and Freight stations.

On the petition of Captain M. Matheson and others, were severally accepted in concurrence. Capt. M. Matheson et al.

The House bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank,

To change the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association,

To authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolution relating to American seamen was read a third time and recommitted to the committee on Federal Relations. American seamen.

The Senate bill to establish the District Court of Central Hampshire was ordered to be engrossed. District Court of Central Hampshire.

Sent down for concurrence.

An engrossed bill to revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company (which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Co.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of George B. Richmond, mayor of New Bedford, reported New Bedford.

A bill for the protection of the water works of the city of New Bedford.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Prisons, on an order relative to the subject, reported State prison, inspectors of.

A resolve instructing the inspectors of the state prison to make certain inquiries and to report to the next General

Court; and the bill and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Jane Parks.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Jane Parks, reported

A resolve in favor of Jane Parks; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

District Court of Eastern Hampden.

Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the District Court of Eastern Hampden; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Tarbox,—

Married women.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of a law giving a right of action in law or equity for separate maintenance to married women living apart from their husbands, for reasons which would authorize a divorce in favor of the wife under the laws of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Torrey,—

Savings banks.

Ordered. That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of amending chapter 175 of the acts of 1863, so that savings banks and institutions for savings may invest their deposits in the bonds of the towns of the New England States.

Brookline.

The same senator, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the selectmen of Brookline, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Harbors; and the report was considered and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Catharine S. Fay.

A resolve upon the petition of Catharine S. Fay, one of the persons entitled to an annuity under the will of Martha Jonhnot, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Helen Whitman.

A resolve in favor of Helen Whitman was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills.

Bills,

To authorize Brine and Clark to extend their wharf on Miller's River, in Cambridge (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead (on the petition of George W. Stacy and others);

To incorporate the Katama Land Company (in a new draft);

Concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Petitions of

J. F. French and others; and

J. F. French
et als.
E. P. Mor-
ton et als.

E. P. Morton and others, severally that towns may be allowed to raise money for the relief of destitute soldiers and sailors, and their families, and

A petition of Colman C. Kenrick for state aid, were referred to the committee on Claims.

Colman C.
Kenrick.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, To incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank, Concerning the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The bill relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes was read a second time and refused a third reading.

Pot and
pearl ashes.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to changing the place of holding the June term of the superior court for the county of Middlesex was accepted.

Superior
Court for the
county of
Middlesex.

The House reports, on the petitions of H. C. Rice and others,

Reports.

Albert Tolman and others,

The Temporary Home for Discharged Female Prisoners, and

Leonard Bailey and others, and

On the order in relation to the maintenance of the Salem Turnpike and Chelsea Bridge, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

Camp
ground for
the
militia.

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,
Fuller,
Humphrey,
Potter,
Tarbox,
Torrey,
Wright.—19.

Bradley,
Griggs,
Jacobs,
Safford,
Thayer, A.,
Wakefield,

Carpenter,
Hewes,
Lobdell,
Sheldon,
Thayer, S.,
Woods,

NAYS.—Messrs. Brewster,

Noble,

Whitney, J. S.—3.

So the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

Relating to the inspection of leather,

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad and for other purposes,

To revive the charter of the National Glass Insurance Company,

To amend the charter of the Groveland Mutual Fire Insurance Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Relocation
of freight
depots, &c.

The bill to authorize the relocation by railroad corporations of passenger stations and freight depots was read a third time and passed over.

Tilden Free
Bridge Corporation.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Augustus N.
Currier.

The Senate resolve in favor of Augustus N. Currier was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills
enacted, and
to Governor

The following engrossed bills, (the first of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to contract for rights of way over connecting roads.

Requiring county commissioners to provide rooms for the use of probate courts.

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad.

To authorize the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Barrett's Station to Springfield.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 21, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

New London
Northern
Railroad Co.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on Railways, on the bill authorizing the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road and issue bonds, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of the trustees of the State Reform School at Westborough, reported a resolve in favor of said institution ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. State Reform School.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolves,

Providing for the purchase of land and improvements at the State Primary School at Monson, and also for selling outlands, State Primary School at Monson.

In favor of Robert Channell, reported that the same ought to pass ; and the former was ordered to a second reading, and the latter read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Robert Channell.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Federal Relations, on the order asking congress to remit the duty upon philosophical and other apparatus, reported that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Duty on philosophical and other apparatus.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Henry Villard and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Banks and Banking ; and the report was accepted. Henry Villard et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a resolve authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Library. Bennett and Holland's Mass. Digest.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Long, on leave, introduced a bill concerning contracts for labor of convicts ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Labor Question. Convicts, labor of.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Charles Durfee and others, in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others. Earl P. Mason et als.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell,

To fix the salaries of the judges of the supreme judicial court,

To establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolves.

Resolves,

In favor of the town of Milford,

Providing for repairs and improvements in the State Almshouse at Tewksbury,

Granting taxes to the several counties, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Railroads.

A bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges (new draft of bill to provide for selling, purchasing and leasing railroads) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Ellis Packard et als.

A report of the committee on Railways granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ellis Packard and others ; and a report of said committee that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to exempting passengers on railroads from paying fares until provided with seats, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Exempting passengers from paying fares on railroads. Reformatory prisons for women.

A petition of John W. Bacon and others for the establishment of separate prisons for women, was referred to the committee on Prisons, in concurrence.

Supreme Judicial Court.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing the rejection by that branch of the Senate bill to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the supreme judicial court before their publication.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
For the protection of the New Bedford water works,
To incorporate the Katama Land Company,

To authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead,

To authorize Brine and Clark to extend their wharf on Miller's River in Cambridge,

Concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association, and

State prison.

A resolve instructing the inspectors of the State Prison to make certain inquiries and to report to the next legislature, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Dukes Co. Savings Bank.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill concerning the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company was read a third time, amended in the title by substituting therefor the following,—

Hartford
and New
Haven R. R.
Company.

“Bill to authorize the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company to consolidate with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company,” and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to authorize the relocation of passenger stations and freight depots by railroad corporations was laid on the table.

Relocation
of passenger
stations and
freight
depots.

The report, on the petition of Thomas White and others, was taken from the table and recommitted with instructions to report a bill thereon.

Thomas
White et als.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the vote whereby the bill relating to the inspection of leather passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and the bill was then amended by the insertion of a new section, to be section 1, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Inspection
of leather.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bartholomew, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for the formation of library corporations; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Library cor-
porations

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell, and

Police court
of Lowell.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County, and

Sheriff of
Dukes Co.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Jane Parks, and

Jane Parks.

Mr. Stickney, from the same committee, on the resolve to provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports and general and special laws and standard weights and measures, and

Norwood and
Holbrook.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the resolve upon the petition of Catharine S. Fay, one of the

Catharine S.
Fay.

persons entitled to an annuity under the will of Martha Johonnot, and

Fitchburg
Real Estate
and Build-
ing Co.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were accordingly ordered to a second reading.

Judges of
the Supreme
Judicial
Court.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, submitted a similar report on the bill to fix the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Judicial court; and the bill, under the rule, was referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Brookfield
Savings
Bank.

Mr. Giles, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Emmons Twitchell and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

E. T. Colby
et als.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of E. T. Colby and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and the report was accepted, and so much as discharges the committee on Mercantile Affairs sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Henry Cut-
ler et als.

Mr. Noble, from the joint special committee on the Liquor Law, on the petition of Henry Cutler and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Courts of the
county of
Norfolk.

Mr. Wakefield, on leave, introduced a bill to fix the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Safford,—

Courts of
Essex
County.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of Essex County.

W. A. Hum-
phrey et als.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of Clement K. Fay and others, in aid of that of W. A. Humphrey and others, for the annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Referred to the next General Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize Seth R. Thomas to bridge Little River in Dartmouth (on the petition of the same), was read and ordered to a second reading. Seth R. Thomas.

The Senate resolve relating to a boarding-house for the Westfield Normal School came up concurred, with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence. Westfield Normal School.

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate, Reports.

Of the committee on State Commissionerships, on the order relative to the uniform inspection of lumber,

Of the committee on Harbors, on the order relative to memorializing congress in relation to closing the draws in Charles and Mystic Rivers and Fort Point Channel; and

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petitions of Carlos A. Wilcox and others, and L. A. Roberts and others; and ib.

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Lorenzo Mansur; and

Reports, reference to the next General Court, of the committee on Harbors; ib.

On the petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to construct an avenue from Cambridge to Beacon Street in Boston; and

On the order relative to the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of the school ship George M. Barnard, were severally read and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A petition of Bishop Eastburn and others in aid of the establishment of separate prisons for women was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons. Reformatory prisons for women.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to procure the engineers who planned the ventilating arrangements of the State House, to take charge of them from now till the first of May, with liberty to employ such persons as they may think proper, to manage them under their direction. State House.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Charlestown had been rejected by that branch. Charlestown.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road, and New London Northern Railroad Co.

The resolve providing for the purchase of land and improvements at the State Primary School at Monson, and also for selling outlands, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. State Primary School at Monson.

Railroads,
leasing, loca-
tion, &c., of.

The bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and the connection of railroads of different gauges was laid on the table and ordered to be printed

Philosophi-
cal and other
apparatus,
duty on.

The Senate report on the order relative to memorializing congress in relation to remission of duty upon philosophical and other apparatus was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Payment of
fare by pas-
sengers on
railroads.

The House reports on the order in relation to requiring that passengers shall be furnished with seats before paying their fares,

Ellis Pack-
ard et al.

On the petition of Ellis Packard and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

New Bed-
ford Water
Works.

The Senate bill for the protection of the New Bedford Water Works was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To incorporate the Katama Land Company,

To authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead,

To authorize Brine and Clark to extend their wharf on Miller's River in Cambridge,

Concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association, were severally read a third time (the last amended in the title, by substituting therefor the following, "Bill to confirm certain proceedings of the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Inspectors
of the state
prison.

The Senate resolve instructing the inspectors of the state prison to make certain inquiries and to report to the next legislature was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills
enacted, and
to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first eight of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library.

To authorize the parish of Grace Church in Newton, to sell its real estate and church property, and for other purposes.

To authorize the trustees of the School Fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town.

To authorize the Worcester County Horticultural Society to hold real and personal estate.

To change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield. Bills enacted, and to Governor.

Relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington.

Relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester.

To incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company.

To incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company.

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River.

To authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad and to increase its capital stock.

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn.

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad, and to authorize a change of the location of said road.

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield.

In addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in the town of West Springfield.

To make free the existing bridge over the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield.

To change the time of holding the annual municipal elections in cities.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on Lynn, the petition of the city government of Lynn, reported

A bill regulating the construction of wooden buildings in the city of Lynn.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of J. S. Luce and others, reported Marion, oyster fishery in.

- Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education**
 A bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion.
 Mr. Safford, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, reported
 A bill to incorporate said society.
- South Cove Corporation.**
 Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the South Cove Corporation, reported
 A bill in addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation.
- Horse railroad corporations.**
 Mr. Long, from the committee on Horse Railways, on certain orders relative to the subject, reported
 A bill to authorize the formation of horse railway corporations; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.
- Courts of the county of Norfolk.**
 Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to fix the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk, and
- Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court.**
 Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to fix the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were accordingly ordered to a second reading.
- Longwood Land and Building Co.**
 Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill to incorporate the Longwood Land and Building Company, reported that the same ought not to pass; and it was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, on the question of rejection.
- A. Waterman et als.**
 The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of A. Waterman and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.
- Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.**
 Mr. Boardman, on leave, introduced a bill to fix the salaries of justices of the Superior Court; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.
- Earl P. Mason et als.**
 Mr. Stickney presented a petition of L. Fairbrother and others, in aid of that of Earl P. Mason and others; also
- Ib.**
 Remonstrances of Jonathan Slade and William Lawton and H. B. Durfee and others; also
- Thomas J. Borden et als.**
 A petition of Charles Talbot and others in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others.
- James N. Buffum.**
 Severally referred to the committee on Railways.
 Mr. Hewes presented a petition of James N. Buffum, Mayor of Lynn, for authority to issue additional water-loan bonds. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.
 Severally sent down for concurrence.
 Came up concurred.

Mr. Baker presented a petition of Clark and Woodward and others for a change of the law in relation to the packing of pickled fish. Laid on the table. Clark and Woodward et als.

Papers from the House.

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of legislation against the use of firearms on the Lord's Day. Fire-arms.

A report of the committee on the Fisheries that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to changing the laws respecting the packing of pickled fish, and Pickled fish.

A report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Washingtonian Home, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Washingtonian Home.

The bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was taken from the table, considered, and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

The bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday next. Railroads.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association,

To incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank,

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell,

To authorize Seth R. Thomas to bridge Little River, and The resolves, Resolves.

In favor of Jane Parks,

To provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports, general and special laws, and standard weights and measures,

In favor of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary,

In favor of Catharine S. Fay, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County was passed over. Sheriff of Dukes Co.

The House reports on the petitions of Henry Cutler and others, and Reports.

- Reports.** The Mayor of Cambridge, and
The orders,
Relative to the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of
the school ship George M. Barnard,
Relative to memorializing Congress concerning the closing
of the draws in the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers
and Fort Point Channel,
Relative to the inspection of lumber, and
It. On the petitions of
Lorenzo Mansur,
L. A. Roberts and others, and
Carlos A. Wilcox and others, were severally accepted in
concurrence.
New London Northern R. R. Co. The Senate bill to authorize the New London Northern
Railroad Company to mortgage its road was read a third
time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.
- State Primary School at Monson.** The Senate resolve providing for the purchase of lands,
and for the improvements at the State Primary School in
Monson, and also for selling outlands was read a third time,
amended and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.
- Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 25, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

- Shad and alewife fishery in North River.** Mr. Bradley, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the
petition of the selectmen of South Scituate, reported
A bill relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North
River; and the same was read and ordered to a second
reading.
- Public ways.** Mr. Brewster, from the committee on Roads and Bridges,
to whom was referred the bill for the better protection of
public ways, reported that the same ought not to pass; and
the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow,
on the question of rejection.
- District Court of Eastern Hampshire.** Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the
District Court of Eastern Hampshire; and the same was
read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Pentucket Navigation Company, reported Pentucket Navigation Company.

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fuller, from the same committee, on the bill to amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company, and Boston Coöperative Building Co.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolves, Resolves.

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings for taxes overpaid,

In favor of Helen Whitman; and

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of the town of Blackstone, severally reported that the same ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading, Blackstone.

Mr. Griggs, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of John B. Alley and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. John B. Alley et als.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Henry P. Mason and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Henry P. Mason et als.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of authorizing railroad corporations by general laws, to take such additional land as may be necessary, in the judgment of the board of Railroad Commissioners, for the convenient operation of their roads. Railroad corporations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Stickney presented the petition of Samuel W. Hathaway and others in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others. Referred to the committee on Railways. Thomas J. Borden et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

To establish the Second District Court of Southern Worcester, Bills.

To transfer jurisdiction in certain matters in Dukes County from the judge of probate to the Superior Court,

were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Public lands
of the United
States.

Resolutions relating to the transfer of the public lands of the United States to corporations were read and ordered to a second reading.

State print-
ing.

The resolve concerning the state printing came up concurred, with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Of the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Thomas Harlow and another,

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Catharine D. Hodge, and

Of the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of the Worcester Horticultural Society, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Thomas J.
Borden et
als.

Petitions of

William Davenport and others, and William B. Brayton and others, severally in aid of that of Thomas J. Borden and others, and

Reforma-
tory prison
for women.

A petition of Avery Plumer and others, in aid of the establishment of separate prisons for women, were referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally in concurrence.

Sheriff of
Dukes Co.

The bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County, was discharged from the orders of the day and committed to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

In addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation,

To incorporate the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education,

To regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion,

Regulating the construction of wooden buildings in the city of Lynn,

To fix the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk,

To fix the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Street rail-
way corpora-
tions.

The bill to authorize the formation of street railway corporations was read a second time.

Mr. Wallace proposed as a report of a minority of the committee a bill of the same title as a substitute; and the whole subject was passed over and the substitute ordered to be printed.

The bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was refused a third reading. Worcester.

Subsequently, Mr. Thayer of Worcester moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was refused a third reading; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate the Longwood Land and Building Company was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. Longwood Land and Building Co.

The Senate report on the petition of A. Waterman and others was accepted. A. Waterman et al.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports, on the order relative to the packing of pickled fish, and Pickled fish.

On the petition of the Washingtonian Home, were severally accepted in concurrence. Washingtonian Home.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Brookfield Savings Bank.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve in favor of Jane Parks was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Jane Parks.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve to provide the town of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports and general and special laws and standard weights and measures was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Norwood and Holbrook.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,
To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell,
To authorize Seth R. Thomas to bridge Little River in Dartmouth, and Bills.

Catharine S. Fay.

The House resolve in favor of Catharine S. Fay, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

South Boston Freight Railway Co.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the South Boston Freight Railway Company, reported

A bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the South Boston Freight Railway Company; and

Old Colony and Newport Railway Co.

The same senator, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the report on the petition of Thomas White and others, with certain instructions, reported in accordance therewith,

A bill authorizing the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to change the location of a portion of their road.

First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of E. C. Willard and others, reported

A bill to establish the First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

Phillips Wharf Corporation.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Phillips Wharf Corporation, reported

A bill in addition to an act incorporating the Phillips Wharf Corporation.

Military bands.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the order in relation to the payment of military bands, reported

A bill to provide for the uniform payment of bands employed in the militia service; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Lynn.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the act to authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to complete their water works; also, a petition of the mayor of said city, in relation to the same subject; and

Memorial Hospital at Worcester.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital at Worcester, severally reported that said bills ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on Federal Relations, Indian territory. on the resolve in reference to opening Indian territory to settlement, and

Mr. Brewster, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, Bridges. on the bill for the preservation of public bridges, reported that the bill and resolve severally ought not to pass ; and they were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of William T. Hart and others, and William T. Hart et als.

Mr. Brewster, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, Middlesex County. on the petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on Railways, on the order relative to the repeal of the act of 1871, concerning the increase of capital stock by corporations, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Increase of capital stock by corporations.

Papers from the House.

A bill making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Appropriations.

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works was read and ordered to a second reading. Westfield Water Works.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of John B. Nichols and others, and Reports.

Reference to the next General Court, of the committee on Towns, on the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, and

Inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on Manufactures, on the order in relation to the prevention of accidents from belts and machinery, and

Of the committee on the Fisheries, on the order relative to further legislation for the preservation of the lobster fishery, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A petition of Moses S. Johnson and others for the establishment of a cumulative land tax was referred to the committee on the Labor Question. Moses S. Johnson et als.

A remonstrance of the selectmen and others against the passage of any law for the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, or its consolidation with any railroad or corporation, Hoosac Tunnel.

was referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally in concurrence.

American
seamen.

Mr Richardson, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was recommitted the resolution relative to American seamen, reported the same in a new draft ; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Ashmere
Reservoir
Company.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of F. W. Hinsdale and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Company ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Justices of
the Superior
Court.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to fix the salaries of the justices of the Superior Court, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Railway
committee
room.

The same senator, from the committee on the State House, on the resolve to provide for ventilating the room occupied by the committee on Railways, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

National
Board of
Trade.

Mr. Frost presented a memorial of the National Board of Trade in favor of the abrogation of the laws requiring the inspection of merchandise. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ib.

The same senator presented a memorial of the same board for the enactment of laws to protect the use of telegraphs. Referred to the next General Court.

Pickled fish.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, the vote whereby the report of the committee on the Fisheries on the order in relation to a change of the laws respecting the packing of pickled fish was accepted was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule ; and thereupon the report was laid on the table.

Treasurer.

The President appointed Messrs. Stickney and Larnard as the committee on the part of the Senate under the provisions of the resolve for the destruction of certain plates in the possession of the Treasurer and Receiver-General.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was refused a third reading, the same was carried in the affirmative ; and the bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The bills,

Relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River,
To amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company,

In addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company, and

The resolves,

Resolves.

In favor of the town of Blackstone,

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings, for taxes overpaid, and

The resolutions relating to the transfer of the public lands of the United States to corporations, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Public lands of the United States.

The resolve in favor of Helen Whitman was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading. Helen Whitman.

The bill for the better protection of public ways was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. Public ways.

The Senate reports, on the petitions of

Reports.

H. P. Mann and others, and

John B. Alley and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports on the petitions of

Ib.

Catharine D. Hodge,

Thomas Harlow and another, and

The Worcester County Horticultural Society, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation was read a third time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed. South Cove Corporation

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education was passed over. Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education.

The Senate bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion was passed over. Oyster fishery in Marion.

The Senate bill to regulate the construction of wooden buildings in the city of Lynn was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Lynn.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to fix the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Courts of the county of Norfolk.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to fix the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, Railroads.

and for the connection of railroads of different gauges was ordered to a third reading.

Street rail-
way corpora-
tions.

The bill to authorize the formation of street railway corporations was next considered, the question being on the adoption of the substitute proposed therefor by a minority of said committee; and the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Bradley,
Brewster,	Carpenter,	Giles,
Hewes,	Jacobs,	Johnson,
Lobdell,	Sheldon,	Stickney,
Thayer, S.,	Wakefield,	Torrey,
Wallace,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,
Woodwell.—19.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Frost,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Learnard,	Long,
Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,
Potter,	Smith,	Thayer, A.,
Wright.—18.		

So the substitute was adopted and ordered to a second reading.

Railroad cor-
porations,
relocation of
passenger
stations by.

The House bill to authorize the relocation of passenger stations and freight depots by railroad corporations was taken from the table and ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills
enacted, and
to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Monson Savings Bank.

To unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railway Company, and for other purposes.

To fix the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County.

To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank.

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad, and for other purposes.

To authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock.

To revive the charter of the National Glass Insurance Company.

To establish the Third District Court of Southern Worcester.

To change the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association.

To amend the charter of the Groveland Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

State Nor-
mal School
at Westfield.

An engrossed resolve relating to a boarding-house for the State Normal School at Westfield (which originated in the

Senate) passed, and, with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, the vote whereby the report on the order in relation to the packing of pickled fish was accepted was reconsidered, and the report was then laid on the table. Pickled fish.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company, reported Holyoke and Belchertown R. R. Co.

A bill amending the charter of the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of Chapin and Gould and sundry others, reported Reservoirs.

A bill for uniformity of taxation of reservoirs; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the bill to insure the better protection of trout, land-locked salmon, lake trout and black bass, and Trout, salmon, &c.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company, severally reported that said bills ought not to pass; and they were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection. Boston and Portland Railway Trust Co.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the annual report of the commissioners on Inland Fisheries, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon; and the report, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted. Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for authority to change its depot at Belmont, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Fitchburg R. R. Co.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with pure water (on the petition of the town of Concord) ;

To change the name of the First Unitarian Church in Peabody (on the petition of the same) ;

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to mortgage its road (on the petition of the same) ;

In relation to the sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Hoosac Tunnel and the Southern Vermont Railroad (on the order in relation to the subject) ;

To incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

William P.
Sargent &
Co.

A resolve in favor of William P. Sargent and Company was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Prisons.

Relative to
the catching
of fish for
bait.

A report of the committee on the Fisheries, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to the catching of young fish for bait ; and

Thomas
Siggins.

A report of the committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Siggins, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Public
schools.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Board of Education, who were directed by resolve, chapter 67 of resolves of 1871, to consider and report upon the public schools, truancy, absenteeism, neglected children and other topics, be authorized to report in print.

Earl P.
Mason et als.

A remonstrance of Job T. Wilson and others against the petition of Earl P. Mason and others, was referred to the committee on Railways in concurrence.

Justices of
the Superior
Court.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court, and

Courts of the
county of
Middlesex.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the bill relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex, and

Library cor-
porations.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to provide for the formation of library corporations, severally reported that said bills ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

L. H. Pease
et als.

Mr. Ames, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition of L. H. Pease and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Punishment
for drunken-
ness.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the order relative to further legis-

lation respecting the punishment of the crime of drunkenness, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To extend the time for locating and constructing the South Boston Freight Railway Company,

To provide for the uniform payment of bands employed by the militia,

In addition to an act incorporating the Phillips Wharf Corporation,

To establish the First District Court of Northern Middlesex,

Authorizing the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to change the location of a portion of their roads,

To authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to complete their water works,

To incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Association,

In addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works;

In addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester, and

The resolution relating to American seamen, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

American seamen.

The bill for the preservation of public bridges, and

Public bridges, Indian territory.

The resolutions in reference to opening Indian territory to settlement, and

The resolve to provide for ventilating the room occupied by the committee on Railways, were, in accordance with the reports of the several committees thereon, rejected.

Railway committee room.

The Senate reports, on the order in relation to repealing chapter 392 of the acts of 1871 relating to the increase of capital stock by railroad corporations, and

Reports.

On the petitions of William T. Hart and others, and the county commissioners of Middlesex County, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports,

ib.

On the order relative to the better protection of the lobster fishery,

On the order relative to further legislation to prevent accidents from belts and machinery, and

On the petitions of

John B. Nichols and others, and W. A. Humphrey and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Worcester.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Boston Co-operative Building Co.

The Senate bill to amend the charter of the Boston Co-operative Building Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Pentucket Navigation Company.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Resolves.

The House resolves,

In favor of the Town of Blackstone,

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings for taxes overpaid,

In favor of Helen Whitman, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, the last with an amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Public lands of the United States.

The House resolutions relating to the transfer of the public lands of the United States to corporations were read a third time and passed in concurrence.

Railroads.

The House bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges was read a third time, amended in the 4th section; also in the title by adding thereto the words, "and guaranteeing of bonds by railroad corporations," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Street railway corporations.

The Senate bill to authorize the formation of street railway corporations was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education. Oyster fishery in Marion.

The bill to incorporate the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education was passed over.

The bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 28, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the petition of David Mayhew and others, reported Dukes County Educational Association.
 A bill to amend an act in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the order relative to the subject, reported Sale of real estate by guardians.

A bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on Railways, on the order relative to the New London Northern Railroad in Massachusetts, and the Hartford and New Haven Railroad, reported New London Northern R. R. Co.

A bill concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill to repeal chapter 288 of the acts of the year 1868, in relation to the distribution of unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons, and Estate of deceased persons.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the town of Milford, severally reported that the bill and resolve ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading. Milford.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of Thayer, Waterman and Beekman and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Thayer, Waterman, and Beekman et als.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. F. J. Briggs et als.

Mr. Bartholomew, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the appointment of executors, administrators and trustees in certain cases; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Administrators.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to actions under the landlord and tenant act; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Landlord and tenant act.

On motion of Mr. Badley,—

Treasurer of
Dukes Co.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of fixing the salary of the treasurer of Dukes County.

• On motion of Mr. Smith,—

Settlement
of estates of
deceased
persons.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

For the preservation of birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying grounds,

Relating to small-pox,

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take a parcel of land in Attleborough, and for other purposes, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston Belting Co.

A bill to authorize the Boston Belting Company to hold real estate (on the petition of the same), was read and ordered to a second reading.

East Harbor
Creek in
Provincetown and
Truro.

The Senate resolve in relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro, came up concurred, with certain amendments which were adopted in concurrence.

Reports.

Reports, "that it is inexpedient to legislate,"

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the order relative to requiring the counties of Suffolk and Middlesex to maintain bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the order relative to exempting from taxation so much of the deposits in savings banks as is invested in mortgages of real estate ; and

Id.

Reports, "granting leave to withdraw,"

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Charles B. Bliss and others, and

On the petition of John F. Dodge and others,

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The following order was read and laid on the table :—

Railroad corporations.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of authorizing railroad corporations by general laws to take such additional lands as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, for the convenient operation of their roads.

A bill to authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water-fund bonds was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Melrose.

A bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was read and referred to the committee on that subject. Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

A resolve in favor of Flavius A. Post was read and referred to the committee on Claims. Flavius A. Post.

Petitions of

J. C. Hoadley and others, and

Theophilus Parsons and others, severally for the establishment of separate prisons for women, were referred to the committee on Prisons. Separate prisons for women.

A remonstrance of James D. Simmons and others against the petition of Earl P. Mason and others, was referred to the committee on Railways. Earl P. Mason et al.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Boardman from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, reported Boston.

A bill to authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the mayor of the same city, reported

A bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water.

Mr. Fuller, from the same committee, on the bill for supplying the town of Winchester with pure water, reported the same in a new draft. Winchester.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to increasing the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts for Essex County, reported Courts of Essex Co.

A bill relating to the salary of said officer.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of the trustees of the State Reform School, reported State Reform School at Westborough.

A resolve in favor of the State Reform School at Westborough; and these bills and the resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Expenditures, on the bill to exempt Grove Hill Seminary from taxation, and Grove Hill Seminary.

The same senator, from the committee on the Treasury, submitted a similar report on the House resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin; and the bill and resolve were placed in Garrie O. Dakin.

the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

George S.
Merrill.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of George S. Merrill, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Taxes.

The same senator, from said committee, on the resolve granting taxes to the several counties, and

Appropriations.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the bill making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes, and

State Almshouse at
Tewksbury.

On the resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and the bill and resolves were severally ordered to a second reading.

Wendell
Phillips et
als.

Mr. Coe presented a petition of Wendell Phillips and others for certain amendments of the liquor law.

Referred to the next General Court.

Holyoke and
Belchertown
R. R. Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company was passed over.

Bills.

The bills,
To provide for the formation of library corporations,
Relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex,
To fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court,
To change the name of the First Unitarian Church in Peabody,

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to mortgage its road,

In relation to the sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Hoosac Tunnel and the Southern Vermont Railroad,

To incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank, were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Boston and
Portland
Railway
Trust Co.
Concord and
Lincoln.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company, and

The bill to supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with water, were severally laid on the table.

Protection of
trout, &c.

The bill to insure the better protection of trout, land-locked salmon, lake trout, and black bass, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Reports.

The Senate reports, on the petitions of
The Fitchburg Railroad Company,
L. H. Pease and others, and

On the order in relation to further provisions for the confinement and punishment of drunkards, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House reports on the petitions of Thomas Siggins, Reports.
and

On the order in relation to the catching of young fish for bait, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Senate bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the South Boston Freight Railway was read a South Boston Freight Railway Co.
third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to provide for the uniform payment of Military bands.
bands employed by the militia was read a third time, amended by substituting the word "enlistment" for the word "payment" in the title, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in addition to an act incorporating the Phillips Wharf Corp.
Phillips Wharf Corporation was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Lynn to raise Lynn.
additional funds to complete their water works was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill authorizing the Old Colony and Newport Old Colony & Newport R. Co.
Railway Company to change the location of a portion of their road was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Ashmere Reservoir Ass'n.
Association was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolution relating to American seamen was American seamen.
read a third time and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

In addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works,

In addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Street railway corp'n.

The bill to authorize the formation of street railway corporations was read a third time, amended, and passed over, and ordered to be printed as amended.

Society for the promotion of collegiate education, Taxation of reservoirs.

The bill to incorporate the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education was laid on the table.

The bill to provide for the uniform taxation of reservoirs was read a second time.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk proposed, as an amendment, to add the following words to the bill, to wit:—

“ Adding thereto a reasonable valuation for the dam and other structures connected with such reservoirs.”

And the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Bradley,	Giles,
Griggs,	Hewes,	Humphrey,
Jacobs,	Long,	Noble,
Safford,	Smith,	Tarbox,
Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell.—15.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Bradley,	Carpenter,	Frost,
Fuller,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Pike,	Richardson,	Stickney,
Thayer, S.,	Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,
Woods,	Wright.—17.	

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then rerunning, on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Bradley,	Carpenter,	Frost,
Fuller,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Pike,	Richardson,	Stickney,
Thayer, S.,	Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,
Woods,	Wright.—17.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Brewster,	Giles,
Griggs,	Hewes,	Humphrey,
Jacobs,	Long,	Noble,
Safford,	Smith,	Tarbox,
Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell.—15.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills enacted, and to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, to wit:—

In addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water.

To authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate.

To incorporate the Katama Land Company.

To authorize Brine and Clark to extend their wharf on Miller's River in Cambridge.

To authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead.

Relating to the inspection of leather.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Robert Channell (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the bill authorizing the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to lease its road, and for other purposes, reported the same in a new draft.

Framingham
& Lowell
R. R. Co.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, reported

Eastern
R. R. Co.

A bill authorizing the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem.

Mr. Tarbox, from the same committee, on the bill concerning the lighting of railroad cars, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Lighting of
railroad
cars.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and

Troy &
Greenfield
R. R.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill to establish the Second District Court of Southern Worcester, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Second Dis-
trict Court of
Southern
Worcester.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, reported

Mount Hope
Cemetery.

A bill to annex Mount Hope Cemetery to the city of Boston; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sheldon, from the committee on the Library, reported the resolve authorizing the purchase and distribution of Ben-

Bennett and
Holland's
Mass. Digest.

nett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest, without amendment, and the same was referred to the committee on the Treasury under the rule.

Railroads.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to railroads, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the report being considered, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Reports.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Claims, on the petitions of

Asahel P. Squires, and

Samuel W. Hogle, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the order in relation to the formation of a tidal basin in the Back Bay, and

Union depot in Worcester.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, from the committee on Railways, on the order relative to authorizing certain railroad corporations to unite in the location and construction of a union depot in Worcester, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fitchburg St. Railway Co.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company; and the same was read and referred to the next General Court.

Real estate.

Mr. Humphrey, on leave, introduced a bill relating to sales of real estate taken on execution, and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State police.

Mr. Parsons, from the joint special committee on the State Police, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject, the annual reports of the police commissioners, and the state constable of the Commonwealth, and sundry orders relative thereto, reported

A bill to establish a better system of police, and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Boardman presented a report of a minority of said committee, which was ordered to be printed.

Edgeworth Catholic Literary Ass'n.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the act to incorporate the Edgeworth Catholic Literary Association of Malden, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

Officers of prisons and charitable institutions.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the order relative to the receiving of money by officers of

prisons or charitable institutions, from persons interested in contracts or otherwise, reported

A bill in relation to officers of prisons and charitable institutions; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, Small-pox. reported the bill relating to small-pox without amendment, and the same was ordered to a second reading,

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill Oyster fishery in Marion. to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion, submitted a similar report thereon, and it was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Pike, from the committee on Claims, on the petition Richard K. Hines. of Richard K. Hines, and

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the petition of William S. Robinson and others, and Charles E. Stevens and others, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. William S. Robinson, et. als.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, Savings banks, investments of, in bonds of the New England States. on the order relative to the expediency of amending the 175th chapter of the acts of 1863, so that savings banks may be authorized to invest in the bonds of the towns of the New England States, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Boardman, on leave, introduced a bill to fix the salary of the Attorney-General. Attorney-General.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the District Court of Central Middlesex. District Court of Central Middlesex.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ames, from the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of George M. Baker and others, and an order in relation to amendment of chapter 148 of the General Statutes, reported Meadows and swamps.

A bill to amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Lobdell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of establishing a District Court of the County of Plymouth, said district to include the towns of Middleborough, Wareham, Lakeville, Rochester, Mattapoisett and Marion, or such other towns in said county as public convenience may require. District Court in the County of Plymouth.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,—

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures consider Auditor of Accounts,

extra clerks of. the expediency of increasing the salary of the two extra clerks in the department of the Auditor of Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To ratify and confirm a mortgage and note given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop, to secure certain bonds issued by said town to said company,

To authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate (in a new draft),

To authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes (on the petition of Levi Taylor, mayor of said city),

In relation to sign-boards at grade crossings of railroads and highways (on an order relative to the subject), and

Moses R.

Colman.

The resolve in favor of the widow of Moses R. Colman, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Adams.

A resolve in favor of the town of Adams (in a new draft), was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Of the committee on Railways, on the petitions of the Williston Mills, and the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company,

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Charles R. Blaisdell, guardian,

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of George M. Buttrick and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mercantile
Affairs, Com-
mittee on.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs have authority to report on Saturday next, April 6, on certain matters before them.

Redistricting
the State,
Committee
on.

Also, that the joint special committee on redistricting the state for the choice of representatives in Congress be allowed to report on the same after the 30th instant.

Coliseum.

A bill to authorize the erection of a coliseum within the building limits of the city of Boston was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Railways,
Committee
on.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways have authority to report on the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company after the 30th instant.

Hooeoe Tun-
nel.

Remonstrances of

J. S. Bradley and others,

Eliphalet Williams and others, and

Ethan Davis and others, severally against alienating the

Hoosac Tunnel from the control of the state, by sale, lease or otherwise, were referred in concurrence, to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

Concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company,

To amend an act in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association,

To authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale,

To authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city,

Relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Essex,

For supplying the Winchester with pure water,

Making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes,

To authorize the Boston Belting Company to hold real estate,

To repeal chapter 288 of the acts of the year 1868, in relation to the distribution of unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons, and

The resolves, Resolves.

In favor of the State Reform School at Westborough,

In favor of George S. Merrill,

Granting taxes to the several counties,

Providing for repairs and improvements in the State Almshouse at Tewksbury,

In favor of the town of Milford, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water was read a third time, amended and ordered to a third reading. Boston.

The bill to exempt Grove Hill Seminary from taxation was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. Grove Hill Seminary.

The resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin, and Garrie O Dakin.

The bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs were laid on the table. Taxation of reservoirs.

The Senate bill to provide for the formation of library corporations was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed. Library corporations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Courts of the
County of
Middlesex.

The Senate bill relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Justices of
the Superior
Court.

The Senate bill to fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To change the name of the First Unitarian Church in South Danvers,

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to mortgage its road,

In relation to the sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Hoosac Tunnel and the Southern Vermont Railroad,

To incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Shad and
alewife
fishery in
North River.

The Senate bill relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River was read a third time and passed to be engrossed (after being amended.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Holyoke and
Belchertown
R. R. Co.
Street rail-
way corpora-
tions.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company was laid on the table.

The Senate bill to authorize the formation of street railway corporations was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Thayer,
Waterman &
Beekman.
R. R. Corpo-
rations.

The report on the petition of Thayer, Waterman and Beekman was considered.

Mr. Noble proposed, as a substitute for said report, a bill to provide for the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations; and the substitute, after being amended, was adopted and ordered to a second reading.

F. J. Briggs,
et als.

The report on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Reports.

The House reports on the order relative to the maintenance of the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers, and

On the order relative to the exemption of such deposits of savings banks as are invested in mortgages of real estate, and

The reports on the petitions of John F. Dodge and others, Reports.
and

Charles E. Bliss and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Johnson presented a report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield R. R.
Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad of 1871; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Boston and Portland Railway Trust Co.
Trust Company was taken from the table and, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on Agriculture, on the Beet sugar.
annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, reported

A bill to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Insurance, Insurance companies
on the petition of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company and others, reported

A bill in relation to the tax upon insurance companies; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported Highways.
the bill to amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes, in relation to the taking of land for highways, without amendment, and

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the same committee, on Bills.
the bills,

To establish the district court of Central Middlesex,

To establish the district court of Eastern Hampden, reported that the same ought to pass with certain amendments; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the bill for Birds, preservation of in cemeteries and burying grounds.
the preservation of birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying-grounds, and

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill to District Court of Eastern Hampshire.
establish the district court of Eastern Hampshire, and

Contracts for
labor of con-
victs.

Mr. Long, from the joint special committee on the Labor Question, on the bill concerning contracts for labor of convicts, severally reported that the same ought not to pass; and they were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Boston and
Providence
R. R. Corp.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take a parcel of land in Attleborough, and for other purposes without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Boston and
Portland
Railway
Trust Co.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the vote whereby the bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company was rejected, was reconsidered; and thereupon the same senator proposed, as a substitute therefor, a bill to provide for the consolidation of the Boston and Maine, and Eastern Railroads; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Hoosac Tun-
nel and Troy
& Greenfield
R. R.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the order in relation to the leasing of said road, or of equipping the same, or of consolidating with other roads, reported that the subject be referred to the next General Court.

B. M. C.
Durfee et
als.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of B. M. C. Durfee and others, and

Geo. B. Dur-
fee et als.

Mr. Giles, from said committee, on the petition of George B. Durfee and others, for an act of incorporation as the Commonwealth Trust Company, and

Cambridge.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares, on the petition of the city of Cambridge, and

E. T. Colby,
et als.

The same senator, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of E. T. Colby and others, and the memorial of the National Board of Trade, severally reported that the petitioners and memorialists have leave to withdraw.

National
Board of
Trade.

Property of
literary and
other asso-
ciations ex-
empt from
taxation.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the order relative to limiting the amount of property belonging to literary, scientific and benevolent associations to be exempt from taxation, and

County of
Plymouth.

On the order in relation to the establishment of a district court in the county of Plymouth, and

Treasurer of
Dukes
County.

On the order relative to fixing the salary of the treasurer of Dukes County, and

Married
women, sep-
arate main-
tenance of.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the order relative to actions of married women for separate maintenance, and

Prison com-
missioners.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Prisons, on the report of the Commissioners on Prisons, severally reported that it

is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and these reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, on the bill in relation to insurance companies established by foreign governments, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of " Bill relating to insurance companies " ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance
companies.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill to incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Concord Fire
Ins. Co.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of establishing a district court in the county of Norfolk, to include the towns of Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree, Randolph, Holbrook and Cohasset, and such other towns as the public convenience may require.

County of
Norfolk.

Papers from the House.

A bill to protect and control the alewife fishery in Kingston (on the petition of Noah Prince and others) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Alewife
fishery in
Kingston.

A bill to establish the police court of Somerville was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Police court
of Somer-
ville.

A bill relating to the Probate Court in the county of Berkshire was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Probate
court of the
County of
Berkshire.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Reports.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of William Henry Colman and others, and

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Ellen K. Bascom, and

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

Of the committee on Education, on the order relative to the establishment of half-time schools,

Of the committee on Expenditures, on the order relative to the purchase of the " Loring Estate " for state offices,

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the Governor's address in relation to the subject, and

A report of the committee on Towns, referring the petition of George A. Wilson and others to the next General Court, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Geo. A. Wil-
son.

Employment
of children.

An act in addition to the acts relating to the employment of children and regulations concerning them was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Co. "B"
First Battalion
of Cavalry.

A resolve in favor of Company B, First Battalion of Cavalry was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Geo. F.
Verry.

A petition of George F. Verry, Mayor of Worcester, for reimbursement of money expended for the support of state paupers was referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem,

To regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars,

To annex Mount Hope Cemetery to the city of Boston,

In relation to officers of prisons and charitable institutions,

To ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad to the town of Winthrop to secure certain bonds issued by said town and delivered to said company,

To authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate,

Relating to sign-boards at grade crossings of railroads and highways,

To establish the Second District Court of Southern Worcester, and

Moses R.
Colman.

The resolve in favor of Moses R. Colman, were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Framingham
& Lowell
R. R. Co.

The Senate bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to lease its road and for other purposes was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Edgeworth
Catholic Lit-
erary Asso-
ciation.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Edgeworth Catholic Literary Association of Malden was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

New London
Northern R.
R. Co.

The Senate bill concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Dukes
County Edu-
cational
Ass'n.

The Senate bill in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water was read a third time, further amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health of said city was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Essex was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill for supplying the town of Winchester with pure water was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve in favor of the State Reform School at Westborough was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion was read a third time, amended, and laid on the table.

The House bills,

Making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes,

To authorize the Boston Belting Company to hold real estate,

To repeal chapter 288 of the acts of the year 1868, in relation to the distribution of unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons, and

The House resolves,

In favor of George S. Merrill,

- Resolves.** Granting taxes to the several counties,
Providing for repairs and improvements in the State Almshouse at Tewksbury,
In favor of the town of Milford, were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.
- Small-pox.** The House bill relating to the small-pox was read a second time, amended; and ordered to a third reading.
- Haverhill.** The bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square and for other purposes, and
- Reports.** The reports,
On the order relative to the construction of a union depot in Worcester, and
On the petition of Samuel W. Hogle, were severally laid on the table.
- R. R. Corporations, receipts by.** The bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.
- Reports.** The Senate reports,
On the order in relation to the formation of a tidal basin in the Back Bay,
On the order relative to the investments of deposits in savings banks, and
On the petitions of Asahel P. Squires, William S. Robinson and others, and Charles E. Stevens and others, were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.
- Id.** The House reports, on the petitions of Charles E. Blaisdell and others, the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, the Williston Mills, and George M. Buttrick and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.
- Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

**Vineyard
Telegraph
Co.**

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill to incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company, reported the same in a new draft.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of C. W. Chapin and others, reported

**Collins
Paper Co.**

A bill to authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine Mile Pond; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The same senator, from said committee, on the bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company, reported the same in an amended draft; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Bridgewater
Land and
Building Co.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was recommitted their report on the petition of Shebnah Rich and others, again reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Shebnah
Rich.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of George M. Weston, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Geo. M.
Weston.

Papers from the House.

The Senate bill to establish the Central District Court, came up concurred with certain amendments, and the same were adopted in concurrence.

Central Dis-
trict Court.

A bill authorizing the appointment, and defining the duties of, a harbor-master for the port of Fall River, on the petition of Benjamin M. Simmons and others, and

Harbor-mas-
ter for the
port of Fall
River.

A bill to authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a new draw in Chelsea Bridge (on the order relative to the subject), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Chelsea.

A resolve to provide for the care of discharged female prisoners was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Discharged
female pris-
oners.

A report of the committee on Railways, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to securing to the bondholders, under the mortgage of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company to R. H. Berdell and others, the advantage of foreclosure and absolute title to the entire mortgaged property, and

Bondholders
under mort-
gage of the
B. H. & E.
R. R. Co.

A report of the committee on Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Henry Lyon and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Henry Lyon
et al.

Orders for allowing the committee on Harbors and Railways to report after the 30th day of March, and

Certain
committees
to report
after March
31st.

Allowing the joint special committee on the Liquor Law to report on or before Wednesday, April 3,

The committee on Education to report on or before the 5th of April, and

The committee on Claims to report on or before April 6, were adopted in concurrence.

Boston.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield, the vote whereby the bill to authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city was ordered to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and the bill was then amended and again passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes,
To incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company,
To protect and control the alewife fishery in Kingston,
To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take a parcel of land in Attleborough and for other purposes, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Ib.

The bills,
To establish the District Court of Central Middlesex,
To establish the District Court of Eastern Hampden, were severally read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to insurance companies was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Ib.

The bills,
Concerning contracts for labor of convicts,
For the protection of birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying grounds were, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Eastern R. R.
Co.

The Senate bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Lighting of
railroad pas-
senger cars.

The Senate bill to regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mount Hope
Cemetery.

The Senate bill to annex Mount Hope Cemetery to the city of Boston was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,
To ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop,
To authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate,

Relating to sign-boards at grade crossings of railroads and highways,

To establish the Second District Court of Southern Worcester, and

The House resolve in favor of the widow of Moses R. Colman, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Moses R. Colman.

The House bill relating to small-pox was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence. Small-pox.

The Senate bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Receipts by railroad corporations.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to establish a better system of police, and

The report, on the order relative to limiting the amount of property to be exempt from taxation belonging to literary and other associations, and Police.
Property of literary and charitable institutions exempt from taxation.

On the petition of the Mayor of Cambridge respecting the taxation of bank shares, were severally passed over. Mayor of Cambridge.

The Senate reports, on the report of the Commissioners on Prisons, and Reports.

On the petitions of

B. M. C. Durfee and others,

George Durfee and others,

Richard K. Hines and others, and

On the order relating to the lease or sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate reports on the orders,

Relative to actions by married women for separate maintenance, Ib.

Relative to the establishment of a district court in the county of Plymouth,

Relative to establishing the salary of the treasurer of Dukes County, and

On the memorial of the National Board of Trade, were severally accepted.

The report on the petition of E. T. Colby was laid on the table.

The House reports,

On so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel,

Reports.

On the order in relation to the purchase of certain property for the accommodation of state officers,

On the order relative to the establishment of half-time schools, and

On the petitions of

George A. Wilson and others,

Henry Colman and others, and

Ellen K. Bascom and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

**District
court of
Eastern
Hampshire.**

The bill to establish the District Court of Eastern Hampshire was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Bills.

The bills,

Concerning elections in cities,

To supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with pure water,

To incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company, were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Bills enacted
and to Gov-
ernor.**

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate,) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation.

To incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank.

To authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek in Boston.

To provide a clerk of the police court of Springfield.

In relation to the state visiting agency.

To authorize the relocation of passenger stations and freight depots by railroad corporations.

To authorize Seth R. Thomas to bridge Little River in Dartmouth.

To fix the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell.

To confirm certain proceedings of the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

**Resolves
passed and
to Governor.**

The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate,) passed, and with the above-named bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Concerning the State Printing.

In favor of Catharine S. Fay.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Probate and Chancery on the bill relating to probate courts in the county of Berkshire, reported the same in a new draft under the title of

Probate court at Adams.

“ Bill to change the time of holding the Probate Court at Adams in the county of Berkshire ; ” and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the House bill to establish the police court of Lowell without amendment ; and the same was referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Police court of Lowell.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company (on the petition H. N. Case and others),

Relating to the alewife and other fisheries in the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax (on an order in relation to a fishery in the town of Halifax), and

Resolutions upon the subject of French spoliations (on an order in relation to the subject), were read and ordered to a second reading.

French spoliations.

Bills,

To provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville,

Bills.

To authorize the laying out of streets in the city of Salem, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports that it is inexpedient to legislate,

Reports.

Of the committee on Railways, on an order relative to railway crossings at grade,

Of the committee on Agriculture, on the order relative to the use of fire-arms on the Lord's Day, and

A report, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Insurance, on the petition of J. W. Cartwright and others, and

A report (reference to the next General Court) of the committee on the Labor Question, on the petition of Moses

S. Johnson and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Management
of criminals.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider what change should be made in the management of, or accommodations for, the safe keeping of criminals.

Taxation of
reservoirs.

The bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs was taken from the table.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire proposed an amendment to the bill.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk proposed an amendment to that proposed by Mr. Thayer, pending the consideration of which, the whole subject was passed over.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company,
To authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine Mile Pond,

To authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a draw in Chelsea Bridge,

To authorize the appointment, and to define the duties of, a harbor-master for the port of Fall River, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bridgewater
Land and
Building Co.

The bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and ordered to a third reading.

Elections in
cities.

The bill concerning elections in cities was amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Concord and
Lincoln.

The bill to supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with pure water was amended and ordered to a third reading.

First District
Court of
Northern
Middlesex.

The Senate bill to establish the First District Court of Northern Middlesex was read a third time; and the committee on Bills in the Third Reading having reported the same as incorrectly drawn, it was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary; and Mr. Richardson subsequently reported the bill in a new draft, and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Officers of
prisons and
charitable
institutions.

The bill in relation to officers of prisons and charitable institutions, was read a third time and amended; also in the title, by substituting therefor the following,—

“Bill to punish officers of prisons and charitable institutions for bribery and other offences,” and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes was read a third time, amended in the title by substituting therefor the following,—

Providing for the taking of lands for dikes.

“Bill to provide for the taking of lands for dikes, and for other purposes,” and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to establish the District Court of Central Middlesex was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

District court of Central Middlesex.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to establish the District Court of Eastern Hampden was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

District court of Eastern Hampden.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in relation to insurance companies, was read a third time, further amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Insurance companies.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Concord Fire Ins. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to take land in Attleborough and for other purposes,

To control and protect the alewife fishery in Kingston, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company was passed over.

Boston and Portland Railway Trust Co. Reports.

The Senate reports on the petitions of

Henry Lyon and others,

Shebnah Rich and others,

George M. Weston and others, and

The city of Cambridge (in relation to the exemption of property of educational institutions from taxation), and

On the order relative to the Berdell mortgage bonds of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railway Company, and

On the order relative to limiting the amount of property belonging to literary and other associations exempt from taxation, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to establish a better system of police, was read a second time.

Police.

Mr. Tarbox proposed, as a substitute for the bill, the report of a minority of said committee, being a bill of the

same title ; and the same being amended, the question on the adoption of the substitute was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker, Jacobs, Smith,	Boardman, Johnson, Tarbox,	Hewes, Learnard, Whitney, J. S.—9.
NAYS. —Messrs. Ames, Carpenter, Fuller, Humphrey, Richardson, Safford, Thayer, S., Wallace, Woodwell.—25.	Bartholomew, Coe, Giles, Lobdell, Pike, Sheldon, Torrey, Whitney, B. D.,	Bradley, Frost, Griggs, Noble, Potter, Stickney, Wakefield, Woods,

So the substitute was rejected.

The bill was thereupon amended and ordered to a third reading.

District
court of
Eastern
Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the vote whereby the bill to establish the District Court of Eastern Hampshire was rejected was reconsidered, and the bill was then laid on the table.

Reservoirs,
taxation of,

The bill for uniform taxation of reservoirs was taken from the table ; and certain amendments being proposed thereto, the same was passed over and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Report of
the trustees
of the Museum
Comparative Zo-
ology
Election of
school com-
mittees.

The President presented the annual report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy ; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the order in relation to allowing towns of less than ten thousand inhabitants to elect a full board of school committee annually, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Horatio
Alger et als.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of Horatio Alger and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Clerks in the
department
of the secre-
tary of the
Common-
wealth.
Alien pas-
sengers.

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the extra clerks in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

An engrossed bill in relation to alien passengers (which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

The bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes was taken from the table, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Alanson Long and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Alanson
Long et als.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported the bill to incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Chelsea Odd
Fellows'
Hall Ass'n.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Albert Bowker and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company.

East Boston
Tunnel Co.

Mr. Wakefield, from the joint special committee on the subject of the taxation of bank shares, on the petition of the trustees of the Charity of Edward Hopkins and sundry others, reported

A resolve in favor of certain literary, charitable, and scientific institutions.

Literary and
charitable
institutions.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of George T. Bigelow and others, reported

Bills,

In addition to an act to levy taxes on certain insurance companies, and on deposits in savings banks,

Tax on in-
surance com-
panies and
deposits in
savings
banks.

Concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares; and these bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taxes upon
bank shares.
Discharged
female pris-
oners.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve to provide for the care of discharged female prisoners, and

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolve authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were accordingly ordered to a second reading.

Bennett and
Holland's
Mass. Digest.

Chelsea Odd
Fellows' Hall
Association.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, submitted a similar report on the bill to incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield,—

Estates of
deceased
persons.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of further legislation relating to the distribution of the estates of deceased persons.

Pickled fish.

On motion of Mr. Baker, the report on the order relative to the packing of pickled fish was taken from the table; and thereupon the same senator proposed as a substitute therefor a bill in relation to the packing of pickled fish; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Appoint-
ment of offi-
cers of the
Superior
Court for
Suffolk
County.
Resolves.

A bill to provide for the appointment and salaries of officers and attendants upon the Superior Court for Suffolk County; and

Resolves,

In favor of the state workhouse at Bridgewater,

In favor of James Ritchie,

In favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury,

District
court of
Eastern
Worcester.

The Senate bill to establish the District Court of Eastern Worcester, and the Senate resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased, came up concurred, severally with an amendment; and the same were adopted in concurrence.

Bills.

Bills,

To authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock (on the petition of the same),

To authorize the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company to change its location (on the petition of William B. Brown and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports.

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the order relative to authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the proprietors of the Mattakeeset Bridge,

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the order relative to repealing 187 of the acts of 1869, authorizing the laying out of a highway and bridge over Mystic River, and

Reports.

Of the committee on Harbors, on the subject of repealing so much of the act of 1866 as requires compensation to be made for the displacement of tide-water, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A report of the committee on Railways, on the petition of Earl P. Mason and others, concluding with the following order, was read and accepted; and it was accordingly

Earl P. Mason et al.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives furnish a copy of the petition of Earl P. Mason, President of the Fall River and Warren Railroad Company, and others, to the Harbor Commissioners, with the request of the legislature that they will consider the same and report to the next legislature.

Notice was received from the House that the Senate bill relating to the compensation of the special justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston had been rejected by that branch.

Special justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to establish the first district court of Northern Middlesex was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

First district court of Northern Middlesex.

The bill to change the time of holding the probate court at Adams, in the county of Berkshire was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Probate court at Adams.

The bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company was laid on the table.

Springfield.

The bill to establish the alewife and other fisheries in the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Alewife fishery in Bridgewater.

The resolutions on the subject of French spoliations was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

French spoliations.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Vineyard Telegraph Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Bridgewater Land and Building Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Collins
Paper Co.

The Senate bill to authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine-Mile Pond was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Concord and
Lincoln.

The House bill to supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with pure water was read a third time as heretofore amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments which were sent down for concurrence.

Police.

The Senate bill to establish a better system of police was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a draw in Chelsea Bridge,

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of, a harbor-master for the port of Fall River, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Boston and
Portland
Railway
Trust Co.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company was taken from the table.

Mr. Wright proposed, as a substitute for said bill, a bill to provide for the consolidation of the Boston and Maine and Eastern Railroad Companies.

The President ruled that an amendment was not in order at this stage of the bill; and the question then recurring on the rejection of the first named bill, the vote was taken, and it was carried in the affirmative. So the bill was rejected.

Taxation of
reservoirs.

The bill for uniformity of taxation of reservoirs was considered.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk proposed further amendments thereto, pending the consideration of which, the same was laid on the table.

Reports.

The Senate reports, on the order relative to the election of school committees in certain cases, and

The petition of Horatio Alger and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Id.

The House reports on the order relative to the use of fire-arms on the Lord's Day; and

On the petitions of Moses S. Johnson and others and J. W. Cartwright and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report on the order relative to railway crossings at grade was laid on the table.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted
and to Gov-
ernor.

To incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank.

To authorize the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road.

To authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to lease its road and for other purposes.

To authorize the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company to consolidate with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company.

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to mortgage its road.

To change the name of the First Unitarian Church in South Danvers.

In relation to the sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Hoosac Tunnel, and the Southern Vermont Railroad.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Helen Whitman (which originated in the Senate), passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Helen Whit-
man.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Wednesday was read.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relating to sales of real estate taken on execution, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Sales of real
estate taken
on execu-
tion.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to establishing a district court in Norfolk County, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

District
court in
Norfolk
County.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Relating to the imprisonment of witnesses,

Bills.

Relating to the dissolution of attachments by giving bond, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water came up concurred with certain amendments; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Tax Commissioner's
Dep't.

A bill establishing the salary of the first clerk in the tax commissioner's department was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Housatonic
Agricultural
Society.

A bill in relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Small-pox.

The House bill relating to small-pox came up non-concurred in the Senate amendment therein; and the same was laid on the table.

Woman suffrage.

A report of the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, on the various petitions relative to the subject, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to a joint special committee to consist of the committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and House, was accepted in concurrence.

Gloucester.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Gloucester, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Committee on liquor law.

An order extending the time within which the joint special committee on the Liquor Law may report, to the 12th instant, was adopted in concurrence.

Clerks in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
Valuation of the Commonwealth.

The order in relation to increasing the salary of the extra clerks in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, came up non-concurred in the adoption thereof.

A report of the Tax Commissioner on the subject of the valuation of the Commonwealth, was referred in concurrence to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House.

Taxation of reservoirs.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, the bill to provide for uniformity of taxation of reservoirs was taken from the table, and the senator then withdrew the amendment proposed by him to that of Mr. Thayer of Berkshire; and thereupon the same senator proposed a substitute for the bill, and the whole subject was passed over and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank, and

Adams.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee on the resolve in favor of the town of Adams, and

Salem.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the laying out of streets in the city of Salem, severally reported that the same ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Safford, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Charles Burleigh, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Charles Burleigh.

A petition of Homer Foote and others in aid of the passage of the bill to authorize the city of Springfield to take stock in the Springfield and Athol Railroad Company (from the House), was laid on the table. Springfield and Athol R. R. Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association, Bills.

To incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company,

To authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock,

To authorize the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company to change its location, and

The resolves,

Authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest, Resolves.

To provide for the care of discharged female prisoners, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report on the petition of Alanson Long and others was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P.M. Alanson Long and others.

The House reports, on the order in relation to compensation for the displacement of tide-water, Reports.

On the order relative to repealing the act of 1869 concerning the construction of a bridge over Mystic River, and

On the order relative to authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the corporation known as the Proprietors of Mattakeset Creeks, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Senate bill to establish the First District Court of Northern Middlesex, was read a third time, further amended and passed to be engrossed. First district court of Northern Middlesex.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to change the time of holding the probate court at Adams, in the county of Berkshire, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Probate court at Adams.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to establish the alewife and other fisheries in the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax, was read a third time as heretofore amended, amended in Alewife fishery in Bridgewater and Halifax.

the title by inserting therein the words "West Bridgewater," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

French spoliation.

The House resolutions upon the subject of French spoliations was read a third time and passed in concurrence.

Railway crossings at grade.

The report on the order relative to railway crossings at grade was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Holyoke and Belchertown R. R. Co.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company was taken from the table, the question thereon being on ordering the same to a third reading.

Mr. Frost proposed an amendment to the same, striking out the first section.

Also an amendment to the second section, striking out the word "said," and inserting instead thereof the word "the," in the first line of the section.

The amendment being considered, the question on the same was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Carpenter,	Frost,
Jacobs,	Lobdell,	Learnard,
Parsons,	Stickney,	Torrey,
Woodwell,	Wright.—11.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Boardman,	Griggs,
Hewes,	Humphrey,	Johnson,
Noble,	Pike,	Richardson,
Safford,	Tarbox,	Thayer, S.,
Wakefield,	Wallace.—14.	

So the amendment was rejected, and the bill was again laid on the table.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Standish Monument Association.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment.

Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported that the same ought to pass.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares, reported that the same ought to pass with certain amendments; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

Collection of taxes upon bank shares.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the annual report of the Harbor Commissioners, reported thereon, in part,

Report of the Harbor Commissioners.

A bill to regulate the building of wharves and other structures in tide-waters; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Building of wharves in tide-waters.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Library consider the expediency of causing a copy to be made of the muster-rolls of the soldiers engaged in the old French and Indian wars, which rolls are now in the custody of the state in a crumbling and ruinous condition.

Muster-roll of soldiers of French and Indian wars.

On motion of Mr. Coe,—

Ordered, That Tuesday next, April 9, at 3 o'clock P. M., be assigned for the choice of preacher of the next annual election sermon.

Preacher of election sermon.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns this day, it be to meet on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

The bill relating to small-pox was taken from the table, and the Senate insisted on its amendment therein, and the bill was returned to the House.

Small-pox.

Papers from the House.

A bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water (in a new draft), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Salem.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Lynn Aqueduct Company, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday next.

Lynn Aqueduct Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Board of Health be requested to consider the general subject of the disposition of the sewerage of towns and cities, having in view,

Sewerage of cities and towns.

First. The utilization as a fertilizer.

Second. The sanitary effects of draining the same into the waters of the Commonwealth.

Third. The increasing joint use of water courses for sewers, and as sources of supply for domestic use by the people of the Commonwealth.

And that the said board be requested to report to the next legislature their views with such information as they can obtain upon the subject, from our own and other lands.

Lawrence.

A petition of the clerk of the Overseers of the Poor of the city of Lawrence for reimbursement of expenses paid by said city for the support of a state pauper was referred to the committee on Claims.

Literary and charitable institutions.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of certain literary and charitable institutions, and

Insurance companies, taxes on.

On the bill in addition to an act to levy taxes on certain insurance companies, and

Imprisonment of witnesses.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill relating to the imprisonment of witnesses, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Dissolution of attachments.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill relating to the dissolution of attachments by giving bonds, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday on the question of rejection.

County commissioners.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the order relative to granting additional powers to county commissioners, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize the laying out of streets in Salem, and

Resolves.

The resolves,

In favor of the town of Adams,

In favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Sales of real estate taken on execution.

The bill relating to sales of real estate taken on execution, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

East Boston Tunnel Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Bennett and
Holland's
Mass. Digest.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence.

South Bay
Company.

The House bill to authorize the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company to change its location was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Marblehead
and Lynn
R. R. Co.

The House resolve to provide for the care of discharged female prisoners was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Discharged
female pris-
oners.

The Senate report on the petition of Charles Burleigh was accepted.

Charles
Burleigh.

Sent down for concurrence.

The report on the order relative to the establishment of a district court in Norfolk County was laid on the table.

District
court in Nor-
folk County.
Gloucester.

The House report on the petition of the selectmen of Gloucester was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to provide for uniformity of taxation of reservoirs was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Taxation of
reservoirs.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water was next considered, and the amendments proposed by the House therein were adopted in concurrence.

Boston.

The President appointed Messrs. Learnard, Sheldon and Carpenter as the committee on the part of the Senate, on the report of the Tax Commissioner in relation to the valuation of the Commonwealth.

Valuation of
the Com-
monwealth.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Hall of New Bedford, Fearing of Hingham, Couch of Newburyport, Woods of Barre, Murray of Pittsfield, and Ware of Belmont are joined.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted
and to Gov-
ernor.

In addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works.

To authorize the Register of Deeds for the Southern District of the county of Essex to appoint an assistant.

To provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges, and the guaranteeing of bonds by railroad corporations.

In addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Resolves
passed and
to Governor.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the House), passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings for taxes overpaid.

In favor of the town of Blackstone.

Boston.

An engrossed bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water (which originated in the Senate), being put upon its final passage, the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Bradley,	Carpenter,
Coe,	Fuller,	Giles,
Hawes,	Jacobs,	Parsons,
Potter,	Richardson,	Sheldon,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Torrey,
Wakefield,	Wallace,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woodwell,	Wright.—20.	

NAYS.—None.

So the bill passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

First clerk in
the Tax
Commissioner's
office.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the House bill fixing the salary of the first clerk in the Tax Commissioner's office without amendment, and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Railroads,
terminal facilities of
certain.

On motion of Mr. Frost, the report of the joint special committee, consisting of the committee on Harbors and the committee on Railways, in relation to the terminal facilities of certain railroads on the north side of the city of Boston, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the next General Court.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

American
seamen.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Senate be directed to transmit to the Governor a copy of the resolution relating to American seamen, passed by the two branches of the General

Court, with the request that he would forward a copy of the same to the members of Congress from this Commonwealth.

Mr. Coe presented a petition of Sherman White for redress for wrongs suffered at the hands of the New Bedford Water Commissioners. Sherman White.

Referred to the next General Court.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of prisons,

For the prevention of fire in cities and towns,

To amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors,

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes, relative to keeping intelligence offices without a license,

In relation to the assessment of betterments in Boston,

To incorporate the trustees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,

In relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A resolve in favor of the widow of the late Edward M. Gardner, was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Edward M. Gardner.

A resolve in favor of Company B, First Battalion of Cavalry, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Co. B, First Battalion of Cavalry.

Bills,

To unite the city of Haverhill and the town of Bradford Bills.
(on the petition of George Cogswell and others),

To extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad,

In addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Boston (on the petition of the Mayor of the city of Boston),

In relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-water displaced (on the report of the Harbor Commissioners),

To authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water-bonds (on the petition of the selectmen of said town), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

South Bay
Company.

The House bill to authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock, came up non-concurred in the Senate amendment therein, and the Senate receded therefrom.

Mass. Char-
itable Eye
and Ear In-
firmary.

The Senate resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, came up concurred, with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

Relative to
town
pounds.

A report of the committee on Agriculture, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to requiring towns to provide pounds with suitable shelter for cattle confined therein, and

Coleman C.
Kenrick.

A report of the committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Coleman C. Kenrick, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Bills.

Notice was received from the House that the Senate bills, Regulating the construction of wooden buildings in the city of Lynn,

To incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association, had been rejected by that branch.

Harbor line
between
Savin Hill
and Com-
mercial
Point on Ne-
ponset
River.
Railway
crossings at
grade.

A communication was received from the Harbor Commissioners relative to the harbor lines between Savin Hill and Commercial Point on Neponset River, and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report on the order relative to railway crossings at grade, and the same was accepted in concurrence.

Mass. Mort-
gage Co.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Henry Villard and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company.

State work-
house at
Bridgewater.

The same senator, from the committee on the Treasury, on the House resolve in favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, and

James
Ritchie.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the same committee, on the House resolve in favor of James Ritchie, and

Police court
of Somer-
ville.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the bill to establish the police court of Somerville, severally reported that the same ought to pass (the last with an amendment), and they were ordered to a second reading.

Preacher of
the annual
election ser-
mon.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the choice of preacher of the next annual election sermon; and Messrs. Coe, Jacobs and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes therefor.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that the Rev. Isaac H. Coe of New Bedford, the present member of the Senate from the second Bristol district, was elected; but he being present, declined to accept the office.

And thereupon, the Rev. George C. Lorimer of Boston, having received the next largest number of votes, was declared to be elected.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

In addition to an act to levy taxes on certain insurance companies and on deposits in savings banks,

In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad,

To regulate the building of wharves and other structures in tide-waters,

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water,

Relating to the imprisonment of witnesses, and

The resolve in favor of certain literary, charitable and scientific institutions, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Literary and other institutions.

The bill concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares was read a third time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Treasury, and ordered to a third reading.

Taxes upon bank shares.

The bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association was passed over.

Standish Monument Association.

The bill relating to the dissolution of attachments by giving bond was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Dissolution of attachments.

The House Bill to authorize the laying out of streets in Salem, and

Salem.

The House resolves,

In favor of the town of Adams,

Resolves.

In favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to conferring additional powers upon county commissioners, was accepted.

County commissioners.

The House report on the petition of the Lynn Aqueduct Company was accepted in concurrence.

Lynn Aqueduct Co.

The report on the petition of Alanson Long and others was passed over.

Alanson Long et al.

The bill to provide for uniformity of taxation of reservoirs was considered, the question being on the substitute proposed by Mr. Whitney of Norfolk. And the vote being taken, it

Taxation of reservoirs.

was carried in the affirmative, and thereupon the substitute was ordered to a second reading.

Bills enacted
and to Gov-
ernor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company.

To provide for the uniform enlistment of bands employed in the militia service.

To extend the time for locating and constructing the South Boston Freight Railway.

To authorize the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company to change its location.

To authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a new draw in Chelsea Bridge.

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Fall River.

To supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with pure water.

Resolves
passed and
to Governor.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the above named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports, general and special laws, and standard weights and measures.

To provide for the purchase of land, and for improvements at the state primary school at Monson, and also for selling outlying lands.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

Relating to the taking of smelts and pickerel on Merrimack River,

In relation to the passage of vessels through draws in railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River (on the order in relation to the subject),

To incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company (on the petition of Frank M. Blodgett and others), were read and ordered to a second reading.

A resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Malinda P. Ryder.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill authorizing the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to change the location of a portion of its road had been rejected by that branch. Old Colony and Newport Railway Co.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, with an amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Haverhill.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield, the report on the order relative to the establishment of a district court of East Norfolk was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary. District court of East Norfolk.

Subsequently the same senator reported

A bill to establish the District Court of East Norfolk; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

A bill concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Reports of Railroad Commissioners.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water bonds, bills.

To unite the city of Haverhill and the town of Bradford,

In relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-water displaced,

In addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston,

To establish the salary of the first clerk in the Tax Commissioner's department, and

The resolves,

In favor of the state workhouse at Bridgewater,

In favor of James Ritchie, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish the police court of the city of Somerville was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading. Police court of Somerville.

The bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad, and to authorize its union with other roads, was read a second time, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was determined as follows, to wit:— Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad.

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,
Jacobs,
Bradley,
Wallace.—10.

Baker,
Learnard,
Thayer, S.,

Fuller,
Sheldon,
Wakefield,

NAYS.—Messrs. Carpenter,
Lobdell,
Richardson,
Tarbox,
Woodwell,

Humphrey,
Pike,
Safford,
Torrey,
Wright.—14.

Johnson,
Potter,
Smith,
Whitney, J. S.,

So the bill was *refused* a third reading.

Bills.

The bills,
To incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company,
To incorporate the Standish Monument Association, were
severally passed over.

**Building of
wharves in
tide-waters.**

The Senate bill to regulate the building of wharves and
other structures in tide-waters was read a third time and
passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Tax on in-
surance
companies
and on de-
posits in
savings
banks.**

The Senate bill in addition to an act to levy taxes on cer-
tain insurance companies, and on deposits in savings banks
was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Troy and
Greenfield
Railroad.**

The Senate bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield
Railroad was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Literary and
other insti-
tutions.**

The Senate resolve in favor of certain literary, charitable
and scientific institutions was read a third time and passed
to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Taxation of
bank shares.**

The bill concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares
was read a third time. Mr. Woodwell proposed an amend-
ment, whereupon the whole subject was passed over and the
amendment ordered to be printed.

Bills.

The House bills,
In addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with
pure water,

Relating to the imprisonment of witnesses, were severally
read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Taxation of
reservoirs.**

The bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs was
read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report on the petition of Alanson Long and others Alanson Long et als. was considered.

Mr. Jacobs moved that the same be recommitted ; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Bradley,	Carpenter,	Giles,
Griggs,	Hewes,	Humphrey,
Jacobs,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Pike,	Potter,
Safford,	Sheldon,	Thayer, S.,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods,	Woodwell.	Wright.—24.

NAY.—Mr. Whitney, B. D.—1.

So the report was recommitted.

The bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe Athol and Enfield Railroad Co. for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company was taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company was taken from the table Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Co. and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Sheldon presented petitions of

S. F. Woodbridge and others,

George A. Sawyer and others,

Charles W. Sanderson and others, and

Daniel H. Brown and others, severally in aid of that of Alanson Long et als. Alanson Long and others.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports, on the order relative to requiring towns Reports. and cities to provide pounds with suitable shelter for cattle confined therein, and

The petition of Coleman C. Kenrick (severally in the orders of the day), were accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the order relative to the subject, reported the following bills:—

Bills. To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons.

In relation to the settlement of the estates of deceased partners.

Paupers. Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the House bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Fitchburg. Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip, and

South Adams Water Co. Mr. Thayer of Berkshire introduced a bill to incorporate the South Adams Water Company; and the same were referred to the next General Court under the rule.

New Bedford. Mr. Coe presented a petition of the city government of New Bedford, for authority to issue additional water bonds. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The following order was read and referred to the committee on Printing:—

Report of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy. *Ordered*, That 2,000 extra copies of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy be printed, and that the same be placed at the disposal of the Trustees.

On motion of Mr. Boardman,—

Blue-Book. *Ordered*, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of increasing the "Blue-Book" edition of the Acts and Resolves.

Inspectors of the State Prison. The Senate resolve instructing the inspectors of the State Prison to make certain inquiries and to report to the next legislature came up concurred, with an amendment in the title substituting therefor the following:—

"Resolve of inquiry concerning the State Prison"; and the same was adopted in concurrence.

Papers from the House.

A bill for the laying out of a public common in the town Mattapoisett of Mattapoisett (in a new draft), and

A resolve in relation to the death of Samuel F. B. Morse, Samuel F. B. Morse. were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

Bills.

In relation to coroners in the county of Suffolk,

In relation to betterments (in a new draft),

To extend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations to hotels and public halls, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Notice was received from the House that the Senate bill Divorce. in relation to divorce had been rejected by that branch.

Mr. Wallace moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby Nashua, Acton and Boston R. R. the bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad was refused a third reading; and, on the further motion of the senator, the motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hewes, the vote whereby the bill in ad- Salem. dition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water was ordered to be engrossed was reconsidered; and thereupon the same senator proposed certain amendments thereto which were rejected, and the bill was again passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to Cambridge and Somerville. whom was referred the bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

A communication was received from the Hon. William Bust of Henry Wilson. Whiting and others, proposing to present to the Commonwealth a marble bust of Hon. Henry Wilson; and the same was referred to the committee on Education.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To establish the District Court of East Norfolk,

To incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company,

In relation to the passage of vessels through draws in railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River,

Relating to the taking of smelts and pickerel in Merrimack River, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company was amended and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, was amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary and ordered to a third reading.

The House bill to establish the police court of Somerville was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

lb.

The House bills,

To authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water bonds,

To unite the city of Haverhill and the town of Bradford, in relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-water displaced,

In addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston.

To establish the salary of the first clerk in the Tax Commissioner's department, and

Resolves.

The House resolves,

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater,

In favor of James Ritchie, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Taxation of
reservoirs.**

The Senate bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Athol and
Enfield R. R.
Co.**

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Mass. Mort-
gage Co.**

The bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company, was further considered amended, and, pending the consideration of a further amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Richardson, passed over.

**Taxes on
bank shares.**

The bill concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares was further considered; but, without any action thereon, the same was passed over.

**Standish
Monument
Association.**

The Senate bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association was amended and ordered to a third reading,

and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company was taken from the table, and assigned for consideration to-morrow at 2½ o'clock, P. M. Highland St.
Railway Co.

Paper from the House.

The bill relating to small-pox came up, and the House insists on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment therein; and Messrs. Towne, Croak and Packard are appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses. Small-pox.

And the Senate thereupon insisted on its amendment, and Messrs. Richardson, Torrey and Stickney were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

A petition of the county commissioners of the county of Hampden for authority to take additional land for a courthouse, came up admitted under a suspension of the 16th joint rule. Hampden
county com-
missioners.

And the motion being made to suspend said rule in concurrence, the question on the motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Jacobs, Noble, Smith, Torrey, Woods.—16.	Boardman, Johnson, Safford, Stickney, Wakefield,	Giles, Long, Sheldon, Thayer, S., Whitney, J. S.,
NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Carpenter, Griggs, Parsons, Thayer, A.,	Baker, Coe, Learnard, Potter, Whitney, B. D.,	Bradley, Fuller, Lobdell, Richardson, Woodwell.—15.

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule, and the petition was referred to the next General Court.

Small-pox.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the bill relating to small-pox : the same being that the Senate should recede from its amendment therein, and that the word "hotels" be inserted after the words "boarding-houses"; and at the end of section 1, the words, "and in all other cases, when in the opinion of the Board of Health and the attending physician the case cannot be properly isolated," was accepted in concurrence.

Bills.

Bills,

Relating to the service of civil process by constables,
In relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions,
and

Irene J.
Kingsford.

The resolve in favor of Irene J. Kingsford, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Treasurer of
Hampden
County.
Resolves.

A bill establishing the salary of the Treasurer of Hampden County, and

Resolves,

In favor of Nelson J. Webster,

In favor of the city of Charlestown,

In favor of William P. Sargent and Company,

In favor of Flavius A. Post, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills.

The Senate bills,

For the protection of the water-works of the city of New Bedford,

Relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River, came up severally concurred with certain amendments which were adopted in concurrence.

Ib.

Bills,

For the further supply of water to the city of Lynn (on the petition of the mayor of the city),

To authorize the erection of wooden buildings within the building limits of the city of Boston, for the purposes of a musical festival, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Street rail-
way corpora-
tions.

Notice was received from the House announcing that the Senate bill to authorize the formation of street railway corporations had been rejected by that branch.

Bills.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bills,

For the prevention of fire in cities and towns,

In relation to the assessment of betterments in Boston, and

Ib.

Mr. Boardman, from the same committee, on the bills,

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions,

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes, in relation to keeping intelligence offices without a license, severally reported that these bills ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on Agriculture, submitted a similar report on the bill in relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Housatonic
Agricultural
Society.

Mr. Torrey moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate refused to suspend the 16th joint rule on the bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to issue additional water bonds, and the motion was laid on the table.

Fitchburg.

The following engrossed bills (the first seven of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted
and to Gov-
ernor.

To incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company.

To incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank.

To establish the Central District Court of Worcester.

To establish the First District Court of Eastern Worcester.

To annex Mount Hope Cemetery to the city of Boston.

To authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine-Mile Pond.

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem.

To authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate.

To establish the Second District Court of Southern Worcester.

To ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop.

To reestablish the alewife and other fisheries in the towns of Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax.

In relation to sign-boards at grade crossings of railroads and highways.

Relating to small-pox.

The following engrossed resolves (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed, and, with the above named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Resolves
passed and
to Governor.

In aid of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

To authorize the sale of the State Arsenal.

In favor of the town of Adams.

In favor of the widow of the late Moses R. Colman.

In favor of George S. Merrill.

In favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank.

In favor of the town of Milford.

Granting taxes to the several counties.

Providing for repairs and improvements in the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

Holyoke and
Belchertown
R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company was discharged from the orders of the day.

The same senator offered an amendment to the bill, striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof a new section; and thereupon the bill was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Edward M.
Gardner.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the resolve in favor of the widow of the late Edward M. Gardner, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Highland
Street Rail-
way Co.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

The bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Long; and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Ames,	Baker,	Boardman,
	Carpenter,	Frost,	Fuller,
	Giles,	Griggs,	Learnard,
	Long,	Noble,	Potter,
	Safford,	Sheldon,	Whitney, J.S.—15.
NAYS.—Messrs.	Bartholomew,	Bradley,	Coe,
	Jacobs,	Johnson,	Lobbell,
	Smith,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
	Woods,	Woodwell.—11.	

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
In relation to the settlement of estates of deceased partners,
To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons,
For the laying out of a public common in the town of Mat-
tapoisett, and

Samuel F. B.
Morse.

The resolutions in relation to the death of Samuel F. B. Morse, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The House bills,
To incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company,
In relation to the passage of vessels through draws in rail-
road bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River,

were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill relating to the taking of smelts and pickerel in Merrimack River was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Merrimack River.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, was read a third time as heretofore amended; and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. Haverhill.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

To change the method of voting in mutual fire insurance companies (on an order relative to the subject), Bills.

In relation to harbor lines in Wareham River (on the report of the Harbor Commissioners), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bills,

In addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation,

For the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, came up concurred, severally with amendments; and the same were laid on the table.

Bills,

To limit the term of service of jurors in Suffolk County, and for other purposes,

To provide for the appointment, and to define the duties, of undertakers,

Relating to contracts with officers of cities,

In relation to change of domicil of voters in cities,

To authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the First Parish in the old Common in said city for the purposes of a public park,

For the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the courts for the county of Middlesex, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Resolves on the petition of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel were read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Cultivation of useful fishes.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to encourage the cultivation of useful fishes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the erection of a wooden building within the building limits of the city of Boston, for the purposes of a musical festival,

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns,

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes in relation to keeping intelligence offices without a license,

For the prevention of fires in cities and towns,

In relation to the assessment of betterments in Boston, and

Edward M. Gardner.

The resolve in favor of the widow of Edward M. Gardner, deceased, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The bills,

To incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company,

Concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares,

To provide a further supply of water to the city of Lynn, were severally laid on the table.

Paupers.

The bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Cambridge and Somerville.

The bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, was amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, further amended, on motion of Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, and ordered to a third reading.

District Court of East Norfolk.

The Senate bill to establish the District Court of East Norfolk was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in relation to the settlement of estates of deceased partners was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Settlement of the estates of deceased partners.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Settlement of estates of deceased persons.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill for the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Mattapoisett, public common in.

The resolutions in relation to the death of Samuel F. B. Morse were read a third time and passed in concurrence. Samuel F. B. Morse.

The House bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company was read a third time as amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment. Highland Street Railway Co.

Mr. Smith moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate refused to refer the petition of the county commissioners of Hampden County, for leave to take land, to a committee, and the motion was laid on the table. Hampden county commissioners.

The following engrossed bills (the first six of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :— Bills enacted, and to Governor.

To incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Company,

To change the time of holding the probate court at Adams in the county of Berkshire,

To confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston,

To establish the salaries of the Treasurer and Receiver-General and of the extra clerks in his department,

In addition to an act to incorporate the Phillips Wharf Corporation,

In addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company,

To authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock,

To authorize the Boston Belting Company to hold real estate,

Making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the School Fund, applicable to educational purposes.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :— Resolves passed, and to Governor.

In favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee,

To confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Mileage of
troops at-
tending
annual en-
campments.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of regulating the mileage of troops attending annual encampments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments (on the petition of Robert Bowers and others),

To incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance
companies.

The Senate bill in relation to insurance companies came up concurred, with certain amendments, and the same was laid on the table.

Reports.

Reports, "granting leave to withdraw," of the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of Amos B. French and others,

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington for authority to take water from Vine Brook, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Society for
the Promo-
tion of Col-
legiate and
Theological
Education.

The bill to incorporate the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education was taken from the table, and, on motion of Mr. Safford, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Taxes upon
bank shares.

The bill concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares was taken from the table ;

Mr. Thayer of Worcester proposed a substitute therefor, also Mr. Richardson ; which substitutes, with the bill, were severally passed over and the same ordered to be printed.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To change the method of voting in mutual insurance
companies, Bills.

To establish harbor lines on Wareham River, were sever-
ally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of
nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the
cities of Cambridge and Somerville, was laid on the table. Cambridge
and Somer-
ville.

The House bills, Bills.

To authorize the erection of a wooden building within the
building limits of the city of Boston, for the purposes of a
musical festival,

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions
in cities and towns,

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes in relation
to keeping intelligence offices without a license,

For the prevention of fires in cities and towns,

In relation to the assessment of betterments in Boston,
were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

The Senate resolve in favor of the widow of Edward M.
Gardner, deceased, was read a third time and passed to be
engrossed. Edward M
Gardner.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wakefield moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby
the bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Com-
pany passed to be engrossed; and the motion being con-
sidered, the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays,
as follows, to wit:— Highland
Street Rail-
way Co.

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Johnson,	Lobdell,
Thayer, A.,	Wakefield,	Woodwell.—6.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Boardman,
Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
Griggs,	Learnard,	Long,
Pike,	Potter,	Richardson,
Whitney, J. S.,	Wright.—14.	

So the Senate refused to reconsider, and the bill was sent
down for concurrence in the amendment.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Bills.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bills,

To incorporate the trustees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,

To provide for the appointment, and to define the duties, of undertakers,

For the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the courts for the county of Middlesex,

In relation to change of domicile of voters in cities, and

Ib.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the same committee, on the bills,

Relating to the service of civil process by constables,

To authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the first parish in the old Common in said city, for the purposes of a public park, and

Irene J.
Kingsford.
Better-
ments.

The resolve in favor of Irene J. Kingsford, and

The bill in relation to betterments, severally reported that said bills and resolve ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Haverhill.

The House bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, came up non-concurred in the Senate amendment therein ; and thereupon the Senate insisted on its amendment, and the bill was returned to the House.

New London
Northern R.
R. Co.

The Senate bill concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company came up concurred, with an amendment ; and the same was laid on the table.

Railroads.

A bill concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways (on the petition of selectmen of Lancaster) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills.

The bills,

In addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation,

In relation to insurance companies, were severally taken from the table ; and the amendments proposed therein by the House were adopted in concurrence.

Fitchburg.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate refused to suspend the 16th joint rule in relation to the bill

to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip, was taken from the table ; and the motion, being considered, was carried in the affirmative.

And thereupon Mr. Torrey presented a petition of the town of Fitchburg for authority to raise additional water scrip.

And the President ruling that, by reason of the town's action in relation to the subject, the introduction of the bill was not in contravention of the 16th joint rule, the same was referred, with the petition, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to coroners in the county of Suffolk, reported the same in a new draft. Coroners.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill to limit the tenor of service of jurors in Suffolk County, and for other purposes, reported the same in a new draft under the title of Jurors.

“ Bill to limit the term of service of jurors.”

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill to provide for the appointment and salaries of officers in attendance upon the Superior Court of Suffolk County, reported the same in a new draft under the title of Suffolk County.

“ Bill to fix the compensation of officers of court.”

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of C. Dyer, Jr., and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Street Railway Company. Campello, No Bridge-water and Holbrook St. Railway Co.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the order of yesterday relative to the subject, reported Troops attending annual encampments.

A bill providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, and Cultivation of useful fishes.

On the bills, Bills.

Relating to contracts with officers of cities,

To extend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations to hotels and public halls, and

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Flavius A. Post, and Flavius A. Post.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolves,

In favor of the city of Charlestown,

In favor of Company B, First Battalion of Cavalry, and Charles-town. Co. B, First Battalion of Cavalry.

Treasurer of
Hampden
County.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from said committee, on the bill establishing the salary of the Treasurer of Hampden County, severally reported that said bills and resolves ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

Paupers.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Criminal
prosecu-
tions.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the same committee, on the bill in relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions, and

Attorney-
General.

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill to fix the salary of the Attorney-General, severally reported that said bills ought not to pass; and the bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection

Alanson
Long, et als.

Mr. Sheldon presented a petition of James Murphy and others in aid of that of Alanson Long and others. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Hours of
labor in
manufac-
turing cor-
porations.

Mr. Long presented a memorial of Simeon Borden and others in aid of the passage of the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments. Laid on the table.

Mass. Mort-
gage Co.

The bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company was taken from the table and assigned, for consideration on Friday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Boston.

The bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Oyster
fishery in
Marion.

The bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion was taken from the table and ordered to be engrossed.

. Sent down for concurrence.

Hoosac Tun-
nel and Troy
and Green-
field Rail-
road.

The report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad of 1871 was taken from the table, and referred to the committee on that subject of the present year.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, and

Union
Freight R.R.
Co.

The bill concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares, were severally passed over.

Taxes upon
bank shares,
collection of.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was assigned for consideration to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Hours of
labor in
manuf'g
establish-
ments.

The Senate bill to change the method of voting in mutual insurance companies was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Voting in
mutual in-
surance com-
panies.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to establish harbor lines on Wareham River was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence as amended, and sent down for concurrence.

Wareham
River, har-
bor lines in.

Came up concurred.

The report on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington was considered.

Arlington.

Mr. Potter proposed as a substitute therefor, a bill to authorize the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook; and thereupon the whole subject was laid on the table and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company, the question being on the adoption of the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Thayer of Berkshire; and said question was determined as follows, to wit:—

Holyoke and
Belchertown
R. R. Co.

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Giles,
Griggs,	Hewes,	Humphrey,
Johnson,	Lobdell,	Long,
Noble,	Potter,	Safford,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Thayer, S.,
Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods,	Wright.—20.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Carpenter,
Frost,	Jacobs,	Learnard,
Sheldon,	Smith,	Thayer, A.—9.

So the amendment was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad, and to authorize its union with other roads, was refused a third reading,

Nashua, Ac-
ton & Bos-
ton R. R.

was taken from the table and assigned for consideration on Thursday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Bills enacted,
and to
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to complete their water works.

To authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia.

To provide for the formation of library corporations.

To amend an act in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association.

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take land in Attleborough, and for other purposes.

To authorize the laying out of streets in Salem.

To protect and control the alewife fishery in Kingston.

To repeal chapter 288 of the acts of 1868 in relation to the distribution of unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons.

Relating to the imprisonment of witnesses.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

John Sanderson et al.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, to whom was recommitted their report on the petition of John Sanderson and others, again reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Worcester,—

State Industrial School at Lancaster.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider whether any additional appropriations are necessary for the State Industrial School at Lancaster.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To regulate the practice of pharmacy in this Commonwealth,

For the protection of landlords in the laying out of highways,

Concerning the trial of indictments for murder, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, Bills.

Providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments,

To incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Street Railway Company,

In relation to coroners,

To fix the compensation of officers of courts,

To limit the term of service of jurors,

To provide for the appointment, and to define the duties, of undertakers,

For the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the courts in the county of Middlesex,

To incorporate the trustees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,

To authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the First Parish in Worcester in the old Common in said city, for the purpose of a public park,

In relation to betterments,

In relation to change of domicile of voters in cities,

Relating to the service of civil process by constables,

Concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways,

To establish the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County,

Relating to contracts with officers of cities,

To extend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations to hotels and public halls, and

The resolves, Resolves.

In favor of Irene J. Kingsford,

In favor of the city of Charlestown,

In favor of Flavius A. Post,

In favor of Co. B, First Battalion of Cavalry, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to fix the salary of the Attorney-General was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. Attorney General.

The bill in relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions was passed over. Taxation of costs, in criminal prosecutions.

The bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns was considered, and the amendment pro- Paupers, support of.

posed by the committee on the Judiciary was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Union
Freight
R. R. Co.

The bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was considered.

Mr. Wright proposed an amendment to the bill, pending the consideration of which, the subject was passed over.

Collection of
taxes upon
bank shares.

The bill concerning the collection of taxes upon bank shares was recommitted to the joint special committee on that subject.

Boston.

The bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was further considered, and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Jacobs was rejected; and the bill then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Lynn.

The bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Lynn was taken from the table and read a second and third time, under a suspension of the rule, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Landlord
and tenant.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to suits under the landlord and tenant law, and

Packing of
pickled fish.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the bill in relation to the packing of pickled fish, reported said bills severally in a new draft; and they were read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of
the trustees
of the
Museum of
Comparative
Zoology.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing 2,000 extra copies of the annual report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, reported that the same ought to be adopted; and the report was read and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Haverhill.

The bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, came up, and the House *insists* on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment therein; and thereupon the Senate insisted on its amendment, and ordered the appointment of a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses.

And the President took time to appoint.

Hours of
labor in
manufactur-
ing estab-
lishments.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk proposed an amendment to the bill as follows, to wit:—

In the first section, 2d line, strike out the words “and no female over that age”; and the question on the adoption of this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

Hours of
labor in
manufactur-
ing estab-
lishments.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bradley,	Carpenter,
Griggs,	Parsons,	Pike,
Safford,	Thayer, A.,	Thayer, S.,
Torrey,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods.—13.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Fuller,
Giles,	Hewes,	Jacobs,
Larnard,	Lobdell,	Long,
Noble,	Richardson,	Smith,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Wright.—15.

So the amendment was rejected.

The same senator proposed to amend said bill as follows: In the 4th line of section 1, strike out the words “cotton, woollen, jute or silk fabrics,” and insert instead thereof the words “goods or articles of merchandise”; and the question on this amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Bradley,
Carpenter,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griggs,	Larnard,
Stickney,	Thayer, A.	Torrey,
Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,
Wright.—17.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Hewes,
Jacobs,	Lobdell,	Long,
Noble,	Pike,	Richardson,
Safford,	Smith,	Tarbox.—12.

So the amendment was adopted.

Thereupon Mr. Fuller proposed as a substitute for said bill a report that the petitioners for the act have leave to withdraw.

And the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Boardman,	Bradley,	Frost,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griggs,
Larnard,	Pike,	Safford,
Thayer, A.,	Thayer, S.,	Torrey,
Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods.—18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Carpenter,	Hewes,	Jacobs,
Lobdell,	Long,	Noble,
Richardson,	Smith,	Stickney,
Tarbox,	Wright.—11.	

So the substitute was adopted and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills enacted. The following engrossed bills, (both of which originated in the House, and the first of which was laid before the Governor for his approval), passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company.

In relation to the passage of vessels through draws in railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River.

Resolves passed. The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate), passed, to wit:—

In favor of Jane Parks.

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater.

In favor of James Ritchie.

Hours of labor in manufacturing establishments. Mr. Bartholomew moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report leave to withdraw was accepted as a substitute for the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Haverhill. The President appointed Messrs. Tarbox, Wakefield and Thayer of Worcester as the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses in relation to the bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Brookline and Boston, boundary line between. A bill to change the boundary between Brookline and Boston, and for sanitary purposes (on the petition of certain citizens of the town of Brookline), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Management of insane convicts. A report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to the management of insane convicts, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Hampden County Commissioners. The petition of the County Commissioners of Hampden County for leave to take land was taken from the table, and the vote whereby the Senate refused to suspend the 16th joint rule in relation thereto was reconsidered; and thereupon the

Senate concurred with the House in the admission of the petition.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the order in relation to the subject, reported State Industrial School.

A resolve in favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip; and Fitchburg.

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill concerning the trial of indictments for murder, reported that these bills severally ought to pass; and they were accordingly ordered to a second reading. Indictments for murder.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the minority report of the committee on the Labor Question was substituted for the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, the question on this motion was taken and it was carried in the affirmative; and the question then recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was determined as follows, to wit:— Hours of labor in Manufacturing establishments.

YEAS.—Messrs. Hewes,	Johnson,	Lobdell,
Long,	Parsons,	Richardson,
Smith,	Tarbox.—8.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Boardman,	Bradley,	Giles,
Learnard,	Pike,	Potter,
Safford,	Sheldon,	Thayer, S.,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Wallace,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Woodwell.—18.

So the bill was refused a third reading.

The bills,

To regulate the transporting and exporting of large Bulls.
packages of pickled fish,

In relation to suits under the landlord and tenant act, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was accepted. Report of the trustees of Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

The Senate report on the petition of John Sanderson and others was accepted. John Sanderson et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Campello,
North
Bridge-
water and
Holbrook
Street Rail-
way Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Street Railway Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Coroners.

The Senate bill in relation to coroners was read a third time and passed over.

Compensa-
tion of offi-
cers of
courts.

The Senate bill to fix the compensation of officers of courts was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Jurors.

The Senate bill to limit the term of service of jurors was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Assistant
clerk of the
courts of the
county of
Middlesex.

The House bill for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the courts in the county of Middlesex was recom- mitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills.

The House bills,

To incorporate the Trustees of the Scottish Rite of Free- masonry,

To authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the First Parish in Worcester in the old Common in said city, for the purpose of a public park,

In relation to betterments,

In relation to change of domicile of voters in cities,

Concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways,

To establish the salary of the Treasurer of Hampden County,

To extend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations to hotels and public halls, and

Resolves.

The House resolves,

In favor of Irene J. Kingsford,

In favor of the city of Charlestown,

In favor of Flavius A. Post,

In favor of Company B, First Battalion of Cavalry, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Under-
takers.

The House bill to provide for the appointment and to de- fine the duties of undertakers was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amend- ment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Contracts
with officers
of cities.

The House bill relating to contracts with officers of cities was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concur- rence.

Subsequently Mr. Jacobs moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed to be engrossed, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The House bill relating to the service of civil process by constables was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Service of
civil process
by con-
stablies.

Came up concurred.

The bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly-incorporated towns was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Paupers,
support of.

Came up concurred.

The bill in relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taxation of
costs in
criminal pro-
secutions.

The bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was assigned for consideration to-morrow at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Union
Freight
Railroad Co.

The Senate bill to amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Cultivation
of useful
fishes.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Mileage for
troops
attending
annual en-
campments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad and to authorize its union with other roads, was refused a third reading, and the vote being taken thereon it was carried in the negative.

Nashua,
Acton and
Boston R. R.

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

The bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville was taken from the table, further amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Cambridge
and Somer-
ville.

Came up concurred.

The resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin, and
The reports,

Garrie O.
Dakin.

- Reports.** On the order relative to the construction of a union depot in Worcester, and
On the petitions of Samuel W. Hogle, E. T. Colby and others, and
- Bills.** The bills,
To establish the District Court of Eastern Hampshire,
To provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.
- Fort Point Channel and Charles River.** The act in relation to the passage of vessels through draws in railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River, and
The resolves,
In favor of James Parks,
In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater,
In favor of James Ritchie, were laid before the Governor for his approval.
- Haverhill.** The bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, came up concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference thereon; and Messrs. Blunt of Haverhill, Parker of Lancaster and Hammond of Cambridge are appointed the committee.
- Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

- Malinda P. Ryder.** Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Papers from the House.

- Bills.** Bills,
In relation to the recognizances of convicted persons under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors (on an order relative to the subject),
To incorporate the People's Club of Worcester (on the petition of George E. Francis and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

Bills.

Relating to sidewalks in cities,

To establish a board of public works in Springfield, were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend chapter 359 of the acts of 1870, to extend jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Senate bills,

To protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown,

Relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner, came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company came up concurred with amendments, including one in the title striking out the words "Land and Building," and inserting instead thereof the word "Industrial"; and the amendments were adopted in concurrence.

The Senate bill to change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society came up concurred with an amendment; also, one in the title adding thereto the words, "and to allow said society to hold real and personal estate"; and the amendments were adopted in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company; and certain amendments being offered thereto the subject was passed over and the amendments ordered to be printed.

Mass.
Mortgage Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill relating to contracts with officers of cities was ordered to be engrossed was laid on the table.

Contracts
with officers
of cities.

The bills,

Bills.

To authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip,

Concerning the trial of indictments for murder, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate report on the petition of E. T. Colby and others was accepted.

E. T. Colby
et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House report on the order relative to the management of insane criminals was accepted in concurrence.

Insane
criminals.

Landlord
and tenant
Act.

The Senate bill in relation to suits under the landlord and tenant Act was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, after being amended in the title by substituting therefor the following:—

“Bill in relation to the trial of complaints of forcible entry and detainer.”

Sent down for concurrence.

Garrie O.
Dakin.

The resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Samuel W.
Hogle.

The report on the petition of Samuel W. Hogle was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at 35 minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Union pas-
senger sta-
tion in
Worcester.

The report on the order relative to the construction of a union passenger station in Worcester was passed over.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

Union
Freight
Railway Co.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railway Company, the question being on an amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Wright; and said question was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Bradley,
Carpenter,	Jacobs,	Johnson,
Learnard,	Lobdell,	Parsons,
Potter,	Richardson,	Torrey,
Wakefield,	Wright.—14.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Safford,	Tarbox,
Thayer, S.—4.		

So the amendment was adopted and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

“Blue
Book.”

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Printing, on the order in relation to the subject, reported

A bill relative to the printing of the annual volume of Acts and Resolves; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Imprison-
ment of poor
debtors.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolves,

William P.
Ingalls & Co.
Hoosac
Tunnel.

In favor of William P. Ingalls and Company,

On the petition of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, severally without amendment; and the bill and resolves were severally ordered to a second reading.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill to establish the District Court of Central Hampshire had been rejected by that branch.

District
Court of
Central
Hampshire.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the House resolve in favor of Nelson J. Webster without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Nelson J.
Webster.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

To establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth (on the report of the Tax Commissioner),

Bills.

For the regulation of savings banks with regard to loans, (on the order relative to the subject), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To change the boundary between Brookline and Boston, and for sanitary purposes,

Relating to the printing of the annual volumes of acts and resolves,

To incorporate the People's Club of Worcester, and

The resolves,

In favor of William P. Sargent and Company,

Resolves.

On the petition of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors, was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

Imprison-
ment of poor
debtors.

The Senate bill to regulate the transport and export of large packages of pickled fish was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Pickled fish.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to establish the District Court of Eastern Hampshire was considered, the question being on the rejection of

District
Court of
Eastern
Hampshire.

the same; and the vote being taken thereon it was carried in the negative.

So the Senate refused to reject the bill, and thereupon it was referred to the next General Court.

Superior
Court for
Suffolk
County.

The bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk was considered, and the amendment proposed thereto by the House was adopted in concurrence with an amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The bills,

In relation to the recognizances of convicted persons under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors,

To incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, were severally passed over.

The Senate bill to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill in relation to the trial of indictments for murder was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to coroners was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, Mr. Jacobs moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and the motion was laid on the table.

Malinda P.
Ryder.

The resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Wright, the vote whereby the resolve was rejected was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and the same was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock and 40 minutes, P. M.

Mass. Mort-
gage Co.

The bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Union pas-
senger sta-
tion in
Worcester.

The Senate report on the order relative to the construction of a union depot by certain railroad corporations in the city of Worcester was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The report on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington Arlington. was taken from the table and ordered to be placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday next.

The bill relating to contracts with officers of cities was taken from the table, and Mr. Frost having withdrawn his amendment thereto, the same was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Contracts with officers of cities.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Richardson, the vote by which the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was then laid on the table.

Mr. Safford, from the joint special committee on the order in relation to redistricting the Commonwealth for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States, reported Representatives in Congress.

A bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

The following engrossed bills (the first seven of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:— Bills enacted and to Governor.

To incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company.

Concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company.

Relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River.

In relation to foreign insurance companies.

In addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation.

For the protection of the New Bedford Water Works.

To incorporate the Bridgewater Industrial Company.

To establish the salary of the first clerk in the Tax Commissioner's department.

To change the method of voting in mutual insurance companies.

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the widow of Edward M. Gardner, deceased (which originated in the Senate), passed, and, with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval. Resolves passed and to Governor.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Taxation of
costs in
criminal pro-
secutions.

Pharmacy.

Courts of the
county of
Middlesex.Estates of
deceased
persons.Amended
bills.Adoption of
children.

Lawrence.

Bills.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions, and

Mr. Boardman, from the same committee, on the House bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy, severally reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the courts for the county of Middlesex, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the order relating to further legislation respecting the distribution of the estates of deceased persons, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Ordered, That all Senate bills coming from the House amended, and all House bills coming therefrom with Senate amendments *non-concurred in*, shall be placed in the orders of the day succeeding that on which they are received.

Papers from the House.

A bill in relation to the adoption of children was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills,

To amend the charter of the Association for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Females (on the petition of Henry B. Rogers and others),

To incorporate the Universalist Publishing House (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill to amend the charter of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill to establish the District Court of Central Middlesex had been rejected by that branch. District Court of Central Middlesex.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolve in favor of Nelson J. Webster was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Nelson J. Webster.

The House bill to establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth was read a second and third time under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Polls and estates.

The bill for the regulation of savings banks in regard to loans was laid on the table. Savings banks.

The House bills,

To change the boundary line between Brookline and Boston, and for sanitary purposes, Bills.

To incorporate the People's Club of Worcester, and

The resolve in favor of W. P. Sargent and Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. W. P. Sargent & Co.

The House bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence as heretofore amended, and the amendment was sent down for concurrence. Imprisonment of poor debtors.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill relating to printing the annual volumes of Acts and Resolves was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. "Blue Book."

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House resolves in favor of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Hoosac Tunnel.

The bill in relation to the recognizances of convicted persons under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading. Recognizances.

The bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was assigned for consideration on Wednesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M. Union Freight R. R. Co.

The bills,

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof, Bills.

Coroners. Relating to contracts with officers of cities, and
The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill in relation to coroners passed to be engrossed, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

E. T. Colby et als. On motion of Mr. Woodwell, the vote whereby the report on the petition of E. T. Colby and others was accepted was reconsidered, under a suspension of the rule, and the report was thereupon referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Union passenger depot at Worcester. Mr Thayer of Worcester moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report of the committee on Railways, on the order authorizing the construction of a union railroad depot at Worcester, was accepted ; and the motion was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

First District Court of Southern Worcester. Mr. Bartholomew, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the act to establish the First District Court of Southern Worcester ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Children, employment of. The same senator, from the committee on Education, on the bill in addition to the acts relating to the employment of children and regulations concerning them, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Lighting of railroad passenger cars. The Senate bill to regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars came up concurred with an amendment ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the House.

Bills. Bills,
Concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners,

To incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Acquisition of title to lands by the United States. A bill to amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States to lands for the purpose of life-saving stations was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolves,

To provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports,

In favor of the city of Worcester, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof,

To incorporate the Universalist Publishing House,

To amend the charter of the Association for the Relief of Aged Indigent Females, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

The bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy was passed over.

The report on the order relative to the distribution of estates of deceased persons was accepted.

The bill for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the courts in the county of Middlesex was amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

The House resolve in favor of Nelson J. Webster was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill in relation to the recognizances of convicted persons under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

The bill relating to contracts with officers of cities was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill in relation to coroners was ordered to be engrossed was carried

Resolves

Bills.

Representatives in Congress.

Taxes on bank shares.

Taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions.

Pharmacy.

Estates of deceased persons.

Assistant clerk of the courts in the county of Middlesex.

Nelson J. Webster.

Recognizances.

Contracts with officers of cities.

Coroners.

in the affirmative ; and the bill was then recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mass. Mortgage Co.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company ; and the same was amended in sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10, as proposed by Mr. Richardson ; certain amendments proposed by Mr. Wakefield in sections 3 and 4 were withdrawn.

Another amendment, proposed by the same senator, in section 4, was adopted.

An amendment proposed in section 4, by Mr. Thayer of Worcester, was adopted.

An amendment, proposed by Mr. Frost, in section 5, was also adopted ; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading by the following vote, to wit :—

YEAS —Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bradley,
Coe,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Humphrey,	Jacobs,
Learnard,	Potter,	Stickney,
Tarbox,	Thayer, S.,	Wakefield,
Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,
Woodwell.—19.		

NAYS —Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Griggs,
Hewes,	Johnson,	Lobdell,
Long,	Noble,	Parsons,
Pike,	Richardson,	Safford,
Sheldon,	Smith,	Torrey,
Wallace.—16.		

Garrie O. Dakin.

The resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin was considered, and the question being taken on the rejection of the same, it was carried in the negative ; and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Samuel W. Hogle.

The report on the petition of Samuel W. Hogle was further considered ; whereupon Mr. Thayer of Berkshire proposed, as a substitute therefor, a resolve in favor of Samuel W. Hogle ; and the vote being taken on the adoption thereof, it was carried in the affirmative, and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Malinda P. Ryder.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder was rejected was carried in the affirmative ; and the resolve was thereupon ordered to a second reading.

Arlington.

The report on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington was passed over.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

The annual report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report on the order relative to authorizing certain railroad corporations to construct a union depot at Worcester was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Union passenger depot at Worcester.

The bill for the regulation of savings banks in regard to loans was taken from the table, amended and ordered to a third reading. Savings banks.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :— Bills enacted and to Governor.

To incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company.

To regulate the building of wharves and other structures in tide-waters.

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

In relation to the taking of smelts and pickerel in Merrimack River.

To incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company.

To unite the city of Haverhill and the town of Bradford.

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes in relation to keeping intelligence offices without a license.

To provide for the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett.

To authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water bonds.

To authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company.

To authorize the erection of wooden buildings within the limits of the city of Boston for the purposes of a musical festival.

In relation to the trial of indictments for murder.

For the prevention of fire in cities and towns.

In relation to the assessment of betterments in Boston.

In relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-waters displaced.

To establish the police court of Somerville.

The following engrossed resolves (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed, and, with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :— Resolves passed and to Governor.

Of inquiry concerning the State Prison.

In favor of the State Reform School at Westborough.

To provide for the care of discharged female prisoners.

Mr Richardson, from the committee on Insurance, on an order in relation to the subject, reported Insurance.

A bill in relation to certain matters of insurance ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Housatonic
Agricultural
Society.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill in relation to bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society, and

Sidewalks in
cities.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill relating to sidewalks in cities, severally reported that the same ought to pass.

Springfield,
board of
public works
in.

Mr. Wakefield, from the same committee, on the bill to establish a board of public works in Springfield, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wallace, from the joint special committee, on an order in relation to the subject, reported

Sources of
supply of
pure water
in the State.

A resolve to provide for a committee to report as to the sources of supply of pure water in the state; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Adjourn-
ment.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire moved that when the Senate adjourns to-morrow, it be to meet on Friday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Bradley,	Fuller,	Griggs,
Hewes,	Humphrey,	Jacobs,
Larnard,	Lobdell,	Long,
Noble,	Pike,	Potter,
Safford,	Thayer, S.,	Whitney, J. S.
Woods,	Wright.—20.	

NAY.—Mr. Torrey.

So the motion was carried in the affirmative.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

State Indus-
trial School
at Lancaster.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve in favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor, re-
port of.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to investigate the statements contained in the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, now in print, and to be laid before the legislature, in regard to the classes of

depositors in savings banks ; and to report thereon as to the accuracy thereof.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To amend chapter 387 of the acts of 1870 to amend the charter of the city of Boston,

Relating to the place of imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness,

Relating to assessment of taxes in fire districts,

Establishing the salaries of district attorneys, and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A resolve allowing the sum of 100,000 dollars for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Hospital buildings at Worcester.

Bills,

Bills.

Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company (on the petition of the same),

In relation to the disposal of forfeited liquors (on the order in relation to the subject), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bills,

Do.

In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad,

Providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments, came up concurred, severally with an amendment ; and the same were placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

The following engrossed bills (the first eight of which originated in the Senate), passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Bills enacted and to Governor.

To incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

To amend the charter of the trustees of the Worcester Academy in Worcester.

To supply the town of Winchester with pure water.

To change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society, and to allow such society to hold real and personal estate.

To protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown.

Relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer.

**Bills enacted
and to Gov-
ernor.**

In addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In addition to an act to levy taxes on certain insurance companies and on deposits in savings banks.

In relation to betterments.

To provide a further supply of water for the city of Lynn.

To incorporate the trustees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

To extend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations to hotels and public halls.

To establish the harbor lines in Wareham River.

To establish the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County.

To authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the First Parish in Worcester in the old Common in said city, for the purposes of a public park.

In relation to change of domicile of voters in cities.

In addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston.

Concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways.

**Resolves
passed and
to Governor.**

The following engrossed resolves (the first two of which originated in the Senate), passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

In favor of certain literary, charitable and scientific institutions.

To authorize purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest.

In favor of the city of Charlestown.

In favor of Flavius A. Post.

In favor of Irene J. Kingsford.

In favor of Company B, First Battalion of Cavalry.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Relating to certain matters of insurance,

In relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society,

Relating to sidewalks in cities,

Concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners,

To incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists, and

Resolves.

The resolves,

To provide for a committee to report on the sources of supply of pure water in the state,

In favor of Samuel W. Hogle,
 In favor of Garrie O. Dakin,
 In favor of Malinda P. Ryder, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish a board of public works in the city of Springfield was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

Board of
public works
in Spring-
field.

The bill in addition to the acts relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Employment
of children.

The bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares was laid on the table.

Taxes upon
bank shares.

The Senate bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Trustees of
Amherst
College.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to incorporate the Universalist Publishing House was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Universalist
Publishing
House.

The House bill to amend the charter of the Association for the Relief of Aged Indigent Females was read a third time, amended in the title, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Aged indi-
gent females.

Came up concurred.

The bills,
 To regulate the practice of pharmacy,
 To incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company,
 were severally passed over.

Bills.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to establish the First District Court of Southern Worcester without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

First District
Court of
Southern
Worcester.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill in relation to taxes upon insurance companies, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the report was accepted and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Taxes upon
insurance
companies.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill to amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of land for the purposes of life-saving stations, and

Life-saving
stations.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the

Worcester.

resolve in favor of the city of Worcester, severally reported that the same ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Union
Freight Rail-
road Co.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, the question being on ordering the same to be engrossed.

1b.

Mr. Torrey moved to restore the bill to its position before the amendment made therein on Friday last, to wit :— Strike out the words “ at the expiration of four months from its passage, unless within that time the Marginal Freight Railway Company shall have laid its tracks so as to connect the Boston and Lowell Railroad with the Old Colony and Newport Railroad, and shall have cancelled its entire bonded indebtedness.” And the question on the adoption of the amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Hewes,	Humphrey,
Learnard,	Pike,	Safford,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Thayer, S.,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,
Woodwell.—19.		
NAYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Bradley,
Jacobs,	Johnson,	Lobdell,
Long,	Richardson,	Sheldon,
Wakefield,	Wright.—11.	

So the amendment was adopted, and thereupon the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Museum of
Comparative
Zoology.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the annual report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and the report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Wednesday was read.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To supply the town of Newton with water (on the petition of said town),

To supply the town of Waltham with water (on the petition of said town), Bills.

To supply the town of West Roxbury with water (on the petition of the same),

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River (in a new draft),

Authorizing the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds (on the petition of said city),

Regarding the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries (on the order relative to State Commissioners),

Regarding the Bureau of Statistics of Labor (on the order in relation to the same subject),

To incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford,

To make uniform the taxation of reservoirs,

To establish a better system of police,

To amend chapter 137 of the General Statutes in relation to forcible entry and detainer (the last three severally in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

Ib.

To authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city,

To dissolve certain corporations, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills,

Ib.

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor,

Concerning state aid for disabled soldiers and their families and the families of the slain, were referred to the committee on the Treasury.

The annual report of the Insurance Commissioner on Fire and Marine Insurance was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance.

Report of the
Insurance
Commissioner.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways be instructed to report what further legislation, if any, is necessary to protect the lives of passengers at the grade crossings of railroads.

Protection
for pas-
sengers at
grade cross-
ings of
railroads.

Notice was received from the House, that the Senate bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion had been rejected by that branch.

Oyster fish-
ery in the
town of
Marion.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill extending the jurisdiction of offences

Juvenile
offenders.

committed by juvenile offenders in certain cases, reported the same in a new draft.

Salisbury
Point
Cemetery.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of E. T. Colby and others, reported
A bill to incorporate the Salisbury Point Cemetery.

Henry Wil-
son, bust of.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Education, on the communication from William Whiting and others, reported

A resolve accepting a bust of Henry Wilson ; and these bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Adoption of
children.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill in relation to the adoption of children, and

Drunken-
ness.

On the bill relating to the imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness, and

Beet sugar.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to encourage the cultivation of beet sugar, and

Lawrence.

Mr. Stickney, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence, severally reported that the same ought to pass.

Boston.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, submitted a similar report on the bill to authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city ; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

Hampden
County.
court-house.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Connecticut
River.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill to amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Holyoke and South Hadley ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Subsequently, Mr. Wakefield, from the committee, reported the same without amendment ; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Salaries of
district
attorneys.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill establishing the salaries of district attorneys, and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District, reported that the same ought to pass with certain amendments.

Boston.

Mr. Wakefield, from the said committee, submitted a

similar report on the bill to amend chapter 337 of the acts of 1870 to amend the charter of the city of Boston,

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the same committee, reported the bill relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts without amendment; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading. Taxes in fire districts.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill to establish a uniform system of indexes in registries of probate, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow on the question of rejection. Indexes in registries of probates.

Mr. Wakefield, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Vine Brook Water Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Vine Brook Water Co.

The same senator presented a petition of Matthew H. Merriam in aid of the passage of the above-named bill. Referred to the same committee. ib.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.
In relation to the disposal of forfeited liquors,

To amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of lands for the purposes of life-saving stations, and

The resolve in favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. State Industrial School at Lancaster.

The bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was read a second time and refused a third reading. Middlesex R. R. Co.,

The Senate bill to amend an act to establish the First District Court of Southern Worcester was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. First District Court of Southern Worcester.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill in relation to the tax upon insurance companies was read a second time and assigned for consideration on Monday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M. Tax upon insurance companies.

The Senate bill providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments was considered, the question being on an amendment proposed thereto by the House; and the same was adopted in concurrence with an amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. Mileage for troops attending annual encampments.

Came up concurred.

The bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was next considered, and the amendment proposed thereto by the House was adopted in concurrence. Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Insurance. The Senate bill relating to certain matters of insurance was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Housatonic Agricultural Society. The Senate bill in relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Board of public works in the city of Springfield. The House bill to establish a board of public works in the city of Springfield was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Bills. The House bills,
Relating to sidewalks in cities,
Concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners,
To incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists, and

Resolves. The House resolves,
In favor of Garrie O. Dakin,
In favor of Malinda P. Ryder, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Samuel W. Hogle. The Senate resolve in favor of Samuel W. Hogle was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mass. Mortgage Co. The Senate bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Pharmacy. The House bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Sources of supply of pure water in the State. The resolve to provide for a committee to report on the sources of supply of pure water in the state was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Hewes,	Jacobs,
Johnson,	Learnard,	Potter,
Stickney,	Wakefield,	Wallace,
Woods.—18.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Bradley,	Carpenter,
Griggs,	Humphrey,	Loddell,
Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,

NAYS.—Messrs. Safford, Sheldon, Smith,
Tarbox, Thayer, A., Torrey,
Whitney, Woodwell, Wright.—18.

So the bill was rejected.

The resolve in favor of the city of Worcester was read a ^{Worcester.} second time and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Wright moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby ^{Union Freight R.R. Co.} the bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company yesterday passed to be engrossed ; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Boardman, Bradley,
Carpenter, Giles, Humphrey,
Jacobs, Parsons, Potter,
Safford, Sheldon, Wakefield,
Wright.—13.

NAYS.—Messrs. Fuller, Noble, Tarbox,
Thayer, A., Torrey, Whitney, B. D.,
Woods, Woodwell.—8.

So the vote was reconsidered ; and the question then being on passing the bill to be engrossed,

Mr. Wright proposed to amend the bill by striking out the word “ may,” in the first line of the 6th section, and inserting the words “ shall before commencing business.”

And the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Boardman, Bradley,
Carpenter, Giles, Hewes,
Humphrey, Jacobs, Parsons,
Potter, Safford, Sheldon,
Wakefield, Wright.—14.

NAYS.—Messrs. Fuller, Noble, Tarbox,
Thayer, A., Torrey, Whitney, B. D.,
Woods, Woodwell.—8.

So the amendment was adopted ; and the bill, as amended, again passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Fuller moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby ^{Sources of supply of pure water in the state.} the resolve to provide for a committee to report on the sources of supply of pure water in the state was rejected ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon ^{Collection of taxes upon bank shares.} bank shares was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, Mr. Jacobs moved a reconsideration of the n.

vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills
enacted, and
to Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first five of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belcher-town Railroad Company.

To authorize the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate.

To establish the First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

Concerning elections in cities.

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

To change the boundary line between Brookline and Boston, and for sanitary purposes.

Relating to the service of civil process by constables.

Resolves
passed, and
to Governor.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

In favor of William P. Sargent.

In favor of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Railroad
Commissioners.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve to provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports, and

Library corporations.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend the act to provide for the formation of library corporations, reported that the bill and resolve severally ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Woman suffrage.

Mr. Wakefield, from the joint special committee, consisting of the committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and House, on the report of the joint special committee on Woman's Suffrage, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be re-

committed to the last-named joint special committee ; and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

A communication was received from Henry K. Oliver, transmitting the annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ; and the same was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Tarbox, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, reported Eastern R.R. Co.

A bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes ; and said bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk (on an order in relation to the subject),

Relating to the time of furnishing reports by departments and officials,

Relating to the Commissioners of Prisons (severally on the order relative to commissionerships), were read and ordered to a second reading.

The House bill in relation to the recognizances of convicted persons under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, came up non-concurred in the Senate amendment therein ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Recognizances.

A communication was received from the clerk of the House announcing that the Senate bills, Bills.

In relation to the settlement of the estates of deceased partners,

To expedite the settlement of the estates of deceased persons, had severally been rejected by that branch.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolve to provide for a committee to report on the sources of supply of pure water in the state was rejected, the question thereon was determined as follows, to wit :— Sources of supply of pure water in the State.

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,
Hewes,

Frost,
Jacobs,

Fuller,
Johnson,

YEAS.—Messrs. Potter, Wakefield,	Smith, Wallace,	Stickney, Woods.—12.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Coe, Lobdell, Safford, Parsons, Whitney, B. D.,	Bartholomew, Giles, Long, Sheldon, Thayer, A., Woodwell,	Carpenter, Humphrey, Pike, Tarbox, Torrey, Wright.—18.

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Collection of
taxes upon
bank shares.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares was ordered to be engrossed, was next considered; and a motion being made to pass over the same, the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Giles, Johnson, Smith, Wakefield, Fuller.—16.	Boardman, Humphrey, Potter, Stickney, Woods,	Frost, Jacobs, Safford, Tarbox, Wright,
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Hewes, Parsons, Thayer, A., Whitney, B. D.,	Carpenter, Lobdell, Pike, Torrey, Woodwell.—14.	Griggs, Long, Sheldon, Wallace,

So the bill was passed over.

Bills.

The bills,

To amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Holyoke and South Hadley,

To establish a better system of police,

To amend chapter 137 of the General Statutes in relation to forcible entry and detainer,

To authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city,

In relation to the adoption of children,

Regarding the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries,

To amend section 51 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts,

To incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford,

Relating to the place of imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness, and

Lawrence.

The resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

New Bedford.

The House bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds was read twice under a sus-

pension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill regarding the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

The bills,

Bills

To supply the town of Waltham with water,

To supply the town of Newton with water,

To supply the town of West Roxbury with water,

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River, were severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to amend an act to amend the charter of the city of Boston was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate resolves accepting a bust of Henry Wilson were read twice under a suspension of the rule and passed to be engrossed.

Henry
Wilson.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to establish a uniform system of indexes in registries of probate was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Indexes in
registries of
probate.

The Senate resolve in favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

State Indus-
trial School
at Lancaster.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

In relation to the disposal of forfeited liquors,

To amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of lands for the purposes of life-saving stations, and

The House resolve in favor of the city of Worcester, were read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Worcester.

Mr. Sheldon moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs was ordered to a third reading; and the motion, being considered, was laid on the table.

Taxation of
reservoirs.

Mr. Griggs moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was refused a third reading; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,
Learnard,
Potter,

Griggs,
Long,
Tarbox.—8.

Hewes,
Pike,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,
Coe,
Humphrey,
Lobdell,
Smith,
Wakefield,
Woods,

Bartholomew,
Fuller,
Jacobs,
Safford,
Thayer, A.,
Wallace,
Woodwell.—20.

Carpenter,
Giles,
Johnson,
Sheldon,
Torrey,
Whitney, B. D.,

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Salisbury
Point
Cemetery.

The bill to incorporate the Salisbury Point Cemetery (in the orders of the day) was read twice under a suspension of the rule and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Alanson
Long et als.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted the report on the petition of Alanson Long and others, again reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State map.

Mr. Sheldon, from the committee on the Library, on the order in relation to authorizing the publication of certain copies of the State Map for the use of committees, reported

A resolve concerning the State Map; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Transporta-
tion of mer-
chandise,
&c.

A resolve directing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court information as to the transportation of merchandise and merchandise cars on railroads was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Common-
wealth's
lands.

A resolve authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands was read and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

Bills,

To amend an act concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals (on certain orders relative to the subject),

To incorporate the Standish Monument Association (in a new draft), Bills.

To authorize the construction of a highway and railway bridge over Taunton Great River, and for other purposes (on the petition of Thomas J. Borden and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bill to fix the compensation of officers of courts came up concurred with an amendment; and the same was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bills establishing the salaries of district attorneys, and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District,

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor, and

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to dissolve certain corporations, reported that the same severally ought to pass, the last with an amendment; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading. Corporations.

Mr. Sheldon, from the committee on the Library, on an order in relation to the subject, reported Muster-rolls of French and Indian wars.

A resolve concerning the muster-rolls of the French and Indian wars; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk,

Relating to the time of furnishing reports by departments and officials, and for other purposes, and

The resolve to provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Railroad Commissioners.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, was assigned for consideration on Wednesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M. Eastern Railroad Co.

The Senate bill to amend the act to provide for the formation of library corporations was read twice under a suspension of the rule and passed to be engrossed. Library corporations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill relating to the Commissioners of Prisons was read a second time and refused a third reading. Prison Commissioners.

The Senate bill to provide for the appointment of justices

Juvenile offenders.

of the peace for the trial of juvenile offenders was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bridge across the Connecticut River.

The Senate bill to amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Holyoke and South Hadley was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Beet sugar.

The Senate bill to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar was read a third time and amended; and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs.	Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Carpenter,
	Frost,	Fuller,	Johnson,
	Noble,	Parsons,	Pike,
	Safford,	Sheldon,	Thayer, A.,
	Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,
	Woods,	Wright.—17.	

NAYS. —Messrs.	Coe,	Griggs,	Hewes,
	Humphrey,	Jacobs,	Learnard,
	Tarbox,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
	Woodwell.—10.		

So the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Forcible entry and detainer.

The bill to amend chapter 137 of the General Statutes in relation to forcible entry and detainer was read a third time, amended in the title, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bill to authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city, was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bills,
In relation to the adoption of children,
To incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford,
Regarding the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries,
Relating to the place of imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness, and

Lawrence.

The House resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Assessment of taxes in fire districts.

The House bill to amend section 51 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes in fire

districts, was read a third time, amended in the title, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to amend the act to amend the charter of the city of Boston was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary. Boston.

The bill in relation to recognizances of persons convicted under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was next considered, the House nonconcurring in an amendment proposed thereto by the Senate, Recognizances of persons convicted under the liquor law.

And the Senate *insisted* on its amendment; and Messrs. Bartholomew, Boardman and Wallace were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses.

Sent down for concurrence, came up, and Messrs. Hanson of Peabody, Loring of Fitchburg and Sayward of Ipswich were appointed on the part of the House.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares was ordered to be engrossed was considered; and the question thereon was determined as follows, to wit:— Taxes upon bank shares.

YEAS.—Messrs. Fuller, Learnard, Stickney Wright.—10.	Jacobs Pike, Tarbox,	Johnson Potter, Whitney, J. S.,
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NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Giles, Humphrey, Sheldon, Wakefield,	Bartholomew, Griggs, Parsons, Thayer, A., Wallace.—14.	Frost, Hewes, Safford Torrey,
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So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill in relation to the taxation of insurance companies; and the same was read a second time and ordered to a third reading Taxation of insurance companies.

The communication from the Harbor Commissioners, relative to the harbor lines between Savin Hill and Commercial Point on Neponset River was taken from the table and sent down for concurrence on the suspension of the 16th joint rule. Savin Hill and Commercial Point.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs was ordered to a third reading was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Taxation of reservoirs.

A resolve to abate the State and County Tax of the town Ayr.

of Ayer for 1872 came up admitted under a suspension of the 16th joint rule, and the Senate concurred in the suspension of said rule.

Bills enacted
and to Gov-
ernor.

The following engrossed bills (the first nine of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Street Railway Company.

To incorporate the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education.

To authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip.

To authorize guardians in certain cases to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale.

To establish the District Court of Eastern Hampden.

To punish officers of prisons and charitable institutions for bribes and other offences.

To regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars.

To fix the salaries of the justices of the Superior Court.

In relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns.

In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

To incorporate the People's Club of Worcester.

To provide for the appointment, and to define the duties, of undertakers.

To amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors.

Relating to contracts with officers of cities.

Nelson J.
Webster.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Nelson J. Webster (which originated in the House) passed, and, with the above-named bills, was laid before the governor for his approval.

Nashua;
Acton and
Boston R. R.

Mr. Wallace moved a suspension of the rule respecting reconsideration, for the purpose of making a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad was, on the 16th instant, refused a third reading; and the motion, being considered, was carried in the negative.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Arlington.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted their report on the petition of the

selectmen of Arlington, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the report was read and, under a suspension of the rule, accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Coe offered the following order, which was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow :—

Ordered, That a committee of _____ on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to sit during the recess, and report in print to the next session thereof,—

Effect of the use of malt liquors.

What are the effects of the traffic and use of malt liquors, in this Commonwealth, upon the health, sobriety, industrial interests and amount of crime; and that said committee give public hearings, and have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of Edward Crane, that he may be heard in relation to certain statements with regard to himself, in a report of the committee on Railways on the bill incorporating the Union Freight Railroad Company; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Edward Crane.

Papers from the House.

A bill to amend chapter 150 of the General Statutes relating to liens upon buildings and lands was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Liens upon buildings and lands.

Bills,

Bills.

In addition to an act regulating railroad crossings at grade (on an order in relation to the subject),

To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge across Charles River (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bill to limit the term of service of jurors came up concurred with certain amendments; and the same was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations came up concurred with certain amendments; and the same, being considered under a suspension of the rule, were adopted in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill to provide for taking lands for dikes, and for other purposes, had been rejected by that branch.

Dikes, bill to provide for the taking of lands for.

Bills. The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To amend an act concerning dogs, and for the protection
of sheep and other domestic animals,
To incorporate the Standish Monument Association,
In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's
flats in Boston Harbor, were severally read a second time and
ordered to a third reading.

Police. The bill to establish a better system of police was con-
sidered, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence
with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence.

**Taunton
Great River.** The House bill to authorize the construction of a highway
and railway bridge over Taunton Great River, and for other
purposes was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and
passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Salaries of
district
attorneys.** The House bill establishing the salaries of district at-
torneys and the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk
District was read twice under a suspension of the rule,
amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the
amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

**Corpora-
tions.** The bill to dissolve certain corporations was read a second
time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Ju-
diiciary, further amended and ordered to a third reading.

**Alanson
Long et als.** The report on the petition of Alanson Long and others
was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Adulterated
milk.** The House bill to prevent the sale or exchange of adulter-
ated milk, and

**Railroad
Commissioners.** The House resolve to provide the Railroad Commissioners
with the law reports, were severally read a third time and
passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Insurance
companies.** The bill in relation to the tax upon insurance companies
was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Id. A motion being made to suspend the rule requiring the
bill to be retained till the right of reconsideration expires,
the question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to
wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bartholomew,	Coe,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Humphrey,
Johnson,	Lobdell,	Parsons,
Smith,	Thayer, A.,	Torrey,
Wakefield,	Wallace,	Woods,
Wright.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Giles,	Hewes,
Jacobs,	Noble,	Potter,
Safford,	Tarbox,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woodwell.—10.		

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs was ordered to a third reading was carried in the negative; and the bill was thereupon read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bartholomew,	Bradley,
Coe,	Frost,	Fullet,
Jacobs,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Pike,	Safford,
Stickney,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Whitney, B. D.,	Wright.—17.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Griggs,	Hewes,
Humphrey,	Parsons,	Potter,
Sheldon,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell.—12.

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to fix the compensation of officers of courts was passed over.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To establish the district court of East Norfolk,

For amending an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes,

To fix the number of printed copies of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners,

To incorporate the Universalist Publishing House.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Coe, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 57 of the General Statutes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Johnson Manufacturing Company; and the Senate refusing to suspend the 16th joint rule, the same was referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend chapter 337 of the acts of 1870

Reservoirs,
taxation of.

Compensation of
officers of
courts.

Bills enacted, and to
Governor.

Banks, &c.

Johnson
Manufacturing
Co.

Boston.

to amend the charter of the city of Boston, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Cambridge
and Somer-
ville.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Mayor of Cambridge, reported

A bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville.

Savin Hill
and Com-
mercial
Point.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, on the communication from the Harbor Commissioners relative to the subject, reported

A bill to modify the harbor line between Savin Hill and Commercial Point in Boston Harbor; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Highways.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill for the protection of landlords in the laying out of highways, reported that the same ought not to pass; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

For supplying the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water (a new draft of bill to supply the town of Wakefield with water),

To supply the city of Springfield with water (in a new draft), were read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill in addition to an act fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, and to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Memorial
statues.

Resolves to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts statesmen in the National Capitol were read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bills,

To incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company,

To regulate the transport and export of large packages of pickled fish, had been rejected by that branch.

Hospital
buildings at
Worcester.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve appropriating 100,000 dollars for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the bill was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended as proposed by the commit-

tee, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on Bills.
the bills,

To supply the town of Waltham with water,

To supply the town of Newton with water,

To supply the town of West Roxbury with water,

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River, reported that the same severally ought to pass with certain amendments; and the bills were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of the adoption of the several amendments.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the State aid.
bill concerning state aid for disabled soldiers and their families and the families of the slain, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the report was accepted, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Pike, from the committee on the subject of granting Woman suffrage.
the right of suffrage to women, on the several petitions relative thereto, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Wakefield, on leave, introduced a bill to amend Support of paupers.
chapter 280 of the acts of the present year relating to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the House bill Railroad Crossings at grade.
in addition to an act regulating railroad crossings at grade was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bills, Bills.

To amend an act concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals,

To incorporate the Standish Monument Association,

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Boston and Lowell R. R.

Corpora-
tion.

Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River was read a third time and passed over.

Corpora-
tions.

The House bill to dissolve certain corporations was read a third time, further amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Effect of the
use of malt
liquors.

The order for the appointment of a joint special committee to sit during the recess to inquire and report upon the effect of the use of malt liquors upon the mental and material condition of the people was rejected.

Jurors.

The bill to limit the term of service of jurors was considered, and the amendment inserting the words "nor at more than one term in three years," in the first section, was adopted in concurrence; and the amendment inserting the words "in any of the courts of Suffolk County," in said section, and that proposed as a new section, were rejected; and the bill was returned to the House.

Compensa-
tion of
officers of
courts.

The bill to fix the compensation of officers of courts was considered, the question being on the amendments proposed thereto by the House; and the Senate nonconcurred therein, and the bill was returned to the House.

Edward
Crane.

The memorial of Edward Crane was taken from the table and referred to the next General Court.

Eastern Rail-
road Co.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston; and the same was read a second time.

Mr. Safford proposed a substitute therefor.

Yb. •

After debate, Mr. Coe moved that the whole subject be laid on the table; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Coe,	Frost,	Fuller,
Johnson,	Learnard,	Potter,
Sheldon,	Thayer, A.,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods,	Wright.—14.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Boardman,	Carpenter,
Giles,	Hewes,	Jacobs,
Lobdell,	Noble,	Parsons,
Pike,	Richardson,	Safford,
Thayer, S.,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,	Woodwell.—18.

So the Senate refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the proposed substitute, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Bradley,
Brewster,	Coe,	Frost,
Giles,	Hewes,	Jacobs,
Johnson,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Noble,	Richardson,	Safford,
Sheldon,	Smith,	Stickney,
Thayer, S.,	Wakefield,	Wallace,
Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell.—24.

NAYS. —Messrs. Baker,	Carpenter,	Fuller,
Potter,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Torrey.—7.		

So the substitute was adopted, and thereupon ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

The bill for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk came up non-concurred in the amendment proposed by the Senate to that made by the House therein ;

Superior Court for civil business in Suffolk County.

The bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company came up non-concurred in the amendment proposed by the Senate therein ; and these bills were laid on the table.

Union Freight Railroad Co.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted.

To incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists.

To authorize the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds.

To authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill in addition to an act fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, and to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant Governor and Council, and

Compensation of the members of the Legislature.

On the resolve concerning a state map, and

Mr. Stickney, from the same committee, on the resolve concerning the muster-rolls of the French and Indian wars, and

French and Indian wars.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolves

Memorial statues.

for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens for the National Capitol, severally reported that the same ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Executors,
administrators
and
trustees.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill to authorize the appointment of executors, administrators and trustees in certain cases, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and the report, being considered, was accepted, and the bill accordingly rejected.

Reports.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Central Wharf and Wet Dock Corporation, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and

On the report of the Commissioners of the Mystic River Company, the report of the Harbor Commissioners, also on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the flats of the Commonwealth, that further legislation is inexpedient.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on Manufactures, on the several orders relative to the prevention of the explosion of steam boilers, and the petition of D. R. Whitney and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court ; and these several reports, being considered under a suspension of the rule, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,—

Hoosac
Tunnel and
Troy and
Greenfield
Railroad.

Ordered, That 1,500 extra copies of the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad for the year 1871 be printed,—500 for the use of the engineers of the Hoosac Tunnel, and 1,000 copies for the use of the legislature.

George W.
Gerrish et
als.

Mr. Wakefield presented a petition of George W. Gerrish and others in relation to the Marginal Freight Railway Company. Laid on the table.

Savings
banks.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the communication from the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, reported

A resolution respecting so much of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor as relates to deposits in savings banks ; and the resolution was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the House.

Resolves,

Resolves.

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of regulating railroad fares and freight (on the report of the committee on Railways,—recommitted to them,—on the same subject),

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of the transportation of coal (on the petition of P. L. Moen and others), and

A bill in relation to cheap morning and evening trains (on the order in relation to State Commissionerships), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Cheap morning and evening trains

A bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Taxes upon bank shares.

Bills,

Bills.

In relation to deposits in savings banks,

Extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, and

A resolve authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills,

B.

To apportion and assess a state tax of 2,000,000 dollars, Making appropriations for certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes,

Relating to financial estimates, and

The resolve for printing the militia laws, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Militia laws.

The Senate bill to fix the compensation of officers of courts came up, and the House *insists* on its amendment; and Messrs. Cornell of New Bedford, Walcott of Cambridge and Adams of Waltham are appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses.

Compensation of officers of courts.

And thereupon the Senate receded from its non-concurrence.

The House bill to establish a board of public works in Springfield came up non-concurred in the Senate amendment therein; and the Senate receded therefrom.

Board of public works in Springfield.

The Senate bill relating to certain matters of insurance come up concurred with certain amendments which were adopted in concurrence.

Insurance.

The Senate bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof came

Trustees of Amherst College.

up concurred with certain amendments which were adopted in concurrence.

Salisbury
Point
Cemetery.

The Senate Bill to incorporate the Salisbury Point Cemetery came up concurred with an amendment which was adopted in concurrence.

Also, an amendment in the title, adding thereto the word "association"; and this amendment was also adopted in concurrence.

Jurors.

The Senate bill to limit the term of service of jurors came up, and the House *insists* on its amendments; and Messrs. Cogswell of Farmouth, Brown of Adams and Loring of Fitchburg are appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

And thereupon the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence; and Messrs. Boardman, Wright and Jacobs were appointed the committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

Police.

The bill to establish a better system of police came up non-concurred in the Senate amendments therein, except that proposed in section 5, which was adopted in concurrence.

And thereupon the Senate *insisted* on its amendments; and Messrs. Parsons, Coe and Humphrey were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Stanwood of Boston, Sayward of Ipswich and Upham of Spencer were appointed on the part of the House.

Salaries of
district
attorneys,
&c.

A bill, from the House, to establish the salaries of district attorneys and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District, came up nonconcurred in the Senate amendments therein; and the Senate *insisted* on its amendments, and the bill was returned to the House.

Federal St.
Bridge.

A report of the committee on Harbors, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to widening Federal Street Bridge over Fort Point Channel, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon.

Common-
wealth's land
near Boston,
and Maine
Railroad.

Ordered, That the Attorney-General be instructed to investigate the title of the Commonwealth to any lands lying contiguous to the lands of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, and the Eastern Railroad Company, lying in the city of Boston; and to take such action as may be necessary

to vindicate and maintain any title which the Commonwealth may have in the premises.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The following acts were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills laid before the Governor.

To incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists.

To authorize the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds.

To authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To change the name of the Association for the Relief of Aged Indigent Females, and to increase its authority to hold property

In relation to the duties of officers of savings banks in making loans.

To authorize the construction of a highway and railway bridge over Taunton Great River, and for other purposes.

The report of the committee on Railways on the order relative to the construction of a union railway station in the city of Worcester was taken from the table and accepted.

Union railway station in Worcester.

Sent down for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate bill to modify the harbor line between Savin Hill and Commercial Point in Boston Harbor was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Savin Hill and Commercial Point.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Cambridge and Somerville.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill for supplying the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Wakefield and Stoneham.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

To supply the city of Springfield with water,

Concerning state aid for disabled soldiers and their families and the families of the slain, were severally read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Eastern Railroad Co.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Mr. Wright proposed an amendment to the second section, as follows, to wit :—

“And the Boston and Maine Railroad may widen its bridge structure on its westerly side, between the wharf on the Boston side of Charles River and the draw, to a line parallel to, and fifty feet distant easterly from, the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company.”

And the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,	Bradley,	Carpenter,
Frost,	Fuller,	Griggs,
Humphrey.	Johnson,	Parsons,
Pike,	Potter,	Stickney,
Tarbox,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,	Wright.—18.

NAYS. —Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Brewster,
Coe,	Giles,	Hewes,
Learnard,	Loddell,	Noble;
Richardson,	Safford,	Sheldon,
Smith,	Thayer, S.,	Wallace,
Woodwell —16.		

So the amendment was adopted, and the bill, as amended, ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Highways.

The bill to protect landlords in the laying out of highways was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Woman suffrage.

The report on the several petitions asking that the right of suffrage may be granted to women was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

West Roxbury.

The House bill to supply the town of West Roxbury with water was amended and ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Waltham.

The House bill to supply the town of Waltham with water was amended and ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be

engrossed in concurrence with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to supply the town of Newton with water was ordered to a third reading, after being amended, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence. Newton.

The House bill to authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River was amended and ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence. Brookline.

The bill to amend an act to amend the charter of the city of Boston was ordered to be engrossed as heretofore amended, and sent down for concurrence in the amendment. Boston.

The House bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation.

The Senate bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk was next considered, and the Senate insisted on its amendment to that proposed by the House. Superior Court for civil business in Suffolk County.

The bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railway Company was taken up, and the Senate concurred in the amendment proposed by the House to that proposed by the Senate therein. Union Freight Railway Co.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill to amend chapter 859 of the acts of the year 1870, extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders (the same being a new draft of Senate bill), reported that the Senate should not concur in the substitution of said bill for that proposed by the Senate; and the report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Juvenile offenders.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Mystic River Corporation, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent down for concurrence. Mystic River Corporation.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend chapter 156 of the General Statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lands, reported that the same ought to pass. Liens on buildings and lands.

Sheriff of
Dukes Co.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to establish the salary of the Sheriff of Dukes County, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and these bills were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Massachu-
setts Histori-
cal Society.

Ordered, That the Attorney-General be requested to furnish the Senate with a full statement of all that has been done concerning the books and papers belonging to the Commonwealth in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society, under chapter 81 of the Resolves of the year 1871.

On motion of Mr. Griggs,—

Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate hold a session in addition to the regular session, to-morrow, at 10½ o'clock, and that each session be considered a legislative day.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Preacher of
the next
annual elec-
tion sermon.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Senate give notice to Rev. George C. Lorimer that he has been elected preacher of the election sermon for the year 1873.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 3, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Transporta-
tion of mer-
chandise and
merchandise
cars.

A resolve directing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court information as to the transportation of merchandise and merchandise cars on railroads was read and ordered to a second reading.

State House.

A resolve providing for repairs and improvements in and around the State House was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Beet sugar.

The Senate bill to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar came up concurred with an amendment which was adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Manual.

Ordered, That the clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared and printed, before the meeting of the next General Court, twenty-five hundred copies of so much of the legislative Manual as may be practicable, on the general plan of that of the present year.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Thayer of Worcester presented a petition of the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, in relation to certain alleged misstatements in the third annual report of said bureau.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Laid on the table.

The following engrossed bills (the first seven of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted
and laid be-
fore the
Governor.

To make uniform the taxation of reservoirs.

Providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments.

To divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States.

In relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society.

To amend an act to establish the First District Court of Southern Worcester.

To fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Essex.

In relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations.

In relation to assessment of taxes in fire districts.

To incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford.

In relation to the imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness.

To amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of lands for the purposes of life-saving stations.

In relation to the trial of complaints of forcible entry and detainer in district courts.

In addition to an act regulating railroad crossings at grade.

To authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city.

In relation to forfeited liquors.

In relation to sidewalks in cities.

In relation to the tenure of office of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

In relation to the adoption of children.

To provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville.

The followed engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed, and, with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Resolves
passed and
laid before
the Gov-
ernor.

Accepting a bust of Henry Wilson.

In favor of the city of Lawrence.

In favor of Garrie O. Dakin.

To provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports.

In favor of Malinda P. Ryder.

In favor of the city of Worcester.

Papers from the House.

Boston and
Lowell Rail-
road Corpo-
ration.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River came up nonconcurrent in the Senate amendment therein; and the Senate *insisted* on the amendment, and the bill was returned to the House.

Salaries of
district
attorneys.

The bill establishing the salaries of district attorneys, and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District, came up, and the House insists on its nonconcurrency in the Senate amendments therein; and Messrs. Osborne of East Bridgewater, Cornell of New Bedford and Tirrell of Weymouth were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Thereupon the Senate insisted upon its amendments; and Messrs. Wakefield, Torrey and Boardman were appointed a committee on the part of the Senate.

Superior
Court for
civil busi-
ness in the
county of
Suffolk.

The Senate bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk came up, and the House *insists* on its nonconcurrency in the Senate amendment therein.

Thereupon the Senate insisted on its amendment; and Messrs. Boardman, Bartholomew and Jacobs were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Boston.

The bill to amend an act to amend the charter of the city of Boston came up concurred in the amendment therein, with an amendment, and the Senate concurred in the adoption thereof.

Taxes upon
bank shares.

On motion of Mr. Wakefield, the vote whereby the bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered; and the bill was then amended, on motion of the same senator, and again passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To extend and amend chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens upon buildings and land, and

The resolves,

Resolves.

To provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens in the National Capitol,

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of the transportation of coal,

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of regulating railroad fares, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish the salary of the Sheriff of Dukes County was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. Sheriff of Dukes Co.

The bill relating to the time of furnishing reports by departments and officials, and for other purposes, was read a third time and amended, and, pending the consideration of a substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Potter, laid on the table. Reports of departments and officials.

The House bill in addition to an act fixing the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Compensation of the members of the legislature et als.

The resolve concerning so much of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor as relates to deposits in savings banks was laid on the table. Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

The Senate resolve concerning the State Map was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. State map.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resolve concerning the muster-rolls of the French and Indian Wars was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. French and Indian wars

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to extend the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders was considered, and the report of the committee on the Judiciary thereon accepted. Juvenile offenders.

The bill in relation to cheap morning and evening trains was read a second time; and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was determined as follows, to wit:— Cheap morning and evening trains

YEAS.—Messrs. Brewster,
Griggs,
Long,
Wallace,
Wright.—13.

Coe,
Hewes,
Parsons,
Whitney, B. D.,
Frost,
Humphrey,
Potter,
Woods,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Bartholomew, Carpenter,
 Fuller, Giles, Johnson,
 Lobdell, Pike, Safford,
 Thayer, A., Torrey, Wakefield,
 Woodwell.—13.

The President voting in the affirmative, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of the morning session was read.

Haverhill. Mr. Tarbox, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses in relation to a bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, reported that the committee had been unable to agree; and said report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries of district attorneys.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill to establish the salaries of district attorneys, and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District, reported, recommending that the Senate should recede from its amendment increasing the salary from twenty-five hundred dollars to three thousand dollars, and that the House should recede from its nonconcurrence in the amendment striking out the words "July next," and inserting the words "January last."

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

Recognizances of convicted persons under the liquor law.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, relative to the bill in relation to the recognizances of convicted persons under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was accepted; and the same is as follows, to wit:—

The committee recommend that the House recede from its nonconcurrence in the Senate amendment, and concur in the same with an amendment, making the same to read as follows:—

Section 59 of chapter 415 of the acts of the year 1869 is hereby amended by striking out the word "shall" after the word "prescribe," and inserting instead thereof the words,

"may for the first offence, and for any subsequent offence after the first shall," and also by striking out the word "the"; and that the bill shall proceed then, in line 8, from the word "words," as originally passed by the House.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the House resolve authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interests of the Commonwealth in certain lands without amendment; and the same was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Commonwealth's lands.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the Senate bill in relation to deposits in savings banks; and the same was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. Savings banks.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill relating to the time of furnishing reports by departments and officials, and for other purposes, was considered, the question being on the adoption of a substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Potter; and said question was determined as follows, to wit:— Reports of departments and officials.

YEAS.—Messrs. Fuller, Potter, Sheldon.—3.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bradley, Brewster,
Carpenter, Frost, Giles,
Hewes, Learnard, Long,
Richardson, Safford, Stickney,
Tarbox, Thayer, A., Wakefield,
Whitney, B. D., Woods, Woodwell,
Wright.—19.

So the substitute was rejected, and the bill was then referred to the next General Court.

The resolve concerning so much of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor as relates to deposits in savings banks was taken from the table; Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Mr. Long moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Hewes, Humphrey,
Jacobs, Johnson, Long,
Parsons, Pike, Smith,
Tarbox, Thayer, A., Woodwell,
Wright.—13.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew, Boardman, Brewster,
Carpenter, Fuller, Giles,
Learnard, Potter, Sheldon,
Stickney, Torrey, Wakefield,
Whitney, B. D., Woods.—14.

So the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone said resolve.

The question then being on ordering the resolve to a third reading, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Brewster,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Fuller,	Giles,	Learnard,
Potter,	Sheldon,	Stickney,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Whitney, B. D.,
Woods.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Hewes,	Humphrey,	Jacobs,
Johnson,	Long,	Parsons,
Pike,	Smith,	Tarbox,
Thayer, A.,	Woodwell,	Wright.—12.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State tax. Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to apportion and assess a state tax of 2,000,000 dollars, and

Militia laws. Mr. Stickney, from the same committee, on the resolve for printing the militia laws, and

State House. Mr. Whitney of Worcester, from said committee, on the resolve providing for repairs and improvements in and around the State House, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Resolves. The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolves,
Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of the transportation of coal,
Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of regulating railroad fares and freight, and

Liens upon buildings and land. The bill to extend and amend chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens upon buildings and land, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

Bills enacted
and laid be-
fore the Gov-
ernor.

The following engrossed bills (the first nine of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Salisbury Point Cemetery Association,
To amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Holyoke and South Hadley.

To amend an act for the formation of library corporations.
In addition to an act relating to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns.

In relation to the printing of the annual volumes of Acts and Resolves.

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof,

To fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk.

To fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex.

To fix the compensation of officers of courts in the county of Suffolk.

To amend an act to amend the charter of the city of Boston.

To incorporate the Standish Monument Association.

To prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk.

To establish the Board of Public Works in the city of Springfield.

To amend an act concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals.

To extend the time of paying state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain.

The following engrossed resolves (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed, and, with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:

Resolves passed and laid before the Governor.

In favor of Samuel W. Hogle.

In favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster.

Allowing the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railway Company, being put upon its final passage, Mr. Wakefield moved that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

Union Freight Railway Co.

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Frost,
Sheldon,	Wakefield,	Wright.—6.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Fuller,	Giles,	Humphrey,
Noble,	Pike,	Safford,
Stickney,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Torrey,	Whitney, B. D.,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods.—16.		

So the Senate refused to refer the bill to the next General Court, and the same passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Memorial
statues.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolve to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens in the National Capitol was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Cheap morn-
ing and even-
ing trains.

The bill in relation to cheap morning and evening railroad trains to and from Boston was read a third time; but, without taking any action thereon, the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 4, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Watchmen
of the State
House.

A bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the State House was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Salaries of
district
attorneys.

The report of the committee of conference on the bill establishing the salaries of district attorneys and the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District came up recommitted to the committee; and the Senate concurred in said recommitment.

Juvenile
offenders.

The bill extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders came up nonconcurrent in the passage of the Senate bill relative to the subject; and the Senate insisted thereon, and the bill was returned to the House.

Sheriff of
Dukes Co.

The Senate bill to establish the salary of the Sheriff of Dukes County came up nonconcurrent in the Senate amendment therein; and the Senate insisted on its amendment, and the bill was returned to the House.

Boston and
Lowell Rail-
road Corpo-
ration.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River came up, and the House insists on its nonconcurrence in the Senate amendment therein; and the Senate insisted on its amendment, and Messrs. Richardson, Whitney of Norfolk, and Wright were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

A resolve providing additional compensation to the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers and messengers of the Senate and House of Representatives was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Compensation of the doorkeepers et als. of the Senate and House of Representatives.
International Penitentiary Congress.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a resolve relating to the appointing of a delegate to the International Penitentiary Congress; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bills,

Making appropriations for expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes,

Relative to reports of financial estimates, reported that the same ought to pass; and they were severally read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish the salary of the Sheriff of Dukes County came up, and the House recedes from its nonconcurrence in the Senate amendment therein.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the House bill to apportion and assess a State tax of 2,000,000 dollars was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

State tax.

The resolve to provide for repairs and improvements in and around the State House was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence.

State House.

Came up concurred.

The House resolve for printing the militia laws was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Militia laws.

The House resolve directing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court information as to the transportation of merchandise and merchandise cars on railroads was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Railroad Commissioners.

Mr. Woodwell presented a petition of the Newburyport Railroad Company for power to lease its road.

Newburyport R. R. Co.

Referred to the next General Court.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill in relation to cheap morning and evening trains; and the ques-

Cheap morning and evening trains.

tion on ordering the same to be engrossed was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Brewster,	Coe,	Frost,
	Fuller,	Griggs,	Hewes,
	Humphrey,	Jacobs,	Learnard,
	Long,	Noble,	Parsons,
	Potter,	Smith,	Stickney,
	Wallace,	Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,
	Woodwell,	Wright.—20.	
NAYS.—Messrs.	Baker,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
	Bradley,	Carpenter,	Giles,
	Johnson,	Lobdell,	Richardson,
	Safford,	Sheldon,	Thayer, A.,
	Torrey,	Whitney, J. S.—14.	

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Papers from the House.

Mass. Abattoir Co.

A bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company (substituted in the House for the report on the petition of Alanson Long and others) was read twice, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Boardman,	Carpenter,	Hewes,
	Humphrey,	Johnson,	Long,
	Pike,	Potter,	Safford,
	Sheldon,	Tarbox,	Woodwell.—12.
NAYS.—Messrs.	Bradley,	Brewster,	Coe,
	Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
	Learnard,	Lobdell,	Smith,
	Thayer, A.,	Torrey,	Whitney, B. D.,
	Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,	Wright.—15.

So the Senate refused the bill a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of the morning session was read.

Juvenile offenders.

The bill extending jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders came up, and the House insists on its nonconcurrence in the Senate amendment therein; and Messrs. Bacon of Lawrence, Nutt of Natick and Blake of Milford are appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and thereupon the Senate adhered to its amendment, and the bill was returned to the House.

Eastern R. R. Co.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to

increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, came up concurred with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

The bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, came up concurred with certain amendments; and the Senate concurred in those proposed in the 2d, 5th, 6th and 7th sections, and in that proposed as a new section 6 with an amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Cambridge and Somerville.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee of conference on the bill establishing the salaries of district attorneys and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District, reported that the Senate should recede from its amendment; and the report was accepted.

Salaries of district attorneys.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee of conference on the bill to limit the term of service of jurors, reported that the Senate should recede from its nonconcurrence in the amendment inserting the words "in any of the courts of Norfolk County," and they are unable to agree on the amendment inserting a new section.

Jurors.

And the report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the State House, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the report was accepted, and the bill was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Watchmen of the State House.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee of conference on the bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and to widen a freight bridge across Charles River, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation.

And the report was accepted, and Messrs. Johnson, Bartholomew and Lobdell were appointed a new committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Bacon of Lawrence, Blunt of Haverhill and Fairbanks of Fall River were appointed a new committee of conference in relation to the subject on the part of the House.

Compensation of the door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve providing additional compensation to the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives without amendment; and the same was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference on the bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Eastern R. R. Co.

Mr. Richardson moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate concurred in the amendment proposed by the House to the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes; and the motion, being considered, was carried in the affirmative.

And thereupon the Senate nonconcurred in said amendment; and Messrs. Safford, Giles and Pike were appointed a committee of conference in relation to the matter.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Thompson of Gloucester, Seaver of West Roxbury and Palmer of Boston are appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House.

State police.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill to establish a better system of police, reported that the House should concur in the amendment striking out section one, the same providing that all appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, also all removals: *provided* that nothing in said bill should prevent the removal of any officers by the Governor.

Also, that the Senate recede from its amendment providing that the constables shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the chief, instead of the Governor and Council.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up *nonconcurred*.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to coroners, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the report was accepted.

Coroners.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the petition of Hamlet Bates, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted.

Hamlet Bates.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a resolve fixing the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Private Secretary of the Governor; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Sergeant-at-Arms and the Clerks of the Senate and House.

Subsequently, the same senator, from said committee, reported the resolve without amendment; and the same was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

A bill relating to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners was read and referred to the committee on the State Police on the part of the Senate.

Police Commissioners.

A resolve to fix the compensation of the assistant clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Assistant clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Subsequently, Mr. Stickney, from the committee, reported said resolve with an amendment; and the same was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the Clerk was charged with a message to the House of Representatives requesting the return to the Senate of the bill in relation to the tax upon insurance companies.

Insurance companies, tax upon.

And the same being returned, on the further motion of the same senator, the bill was withdrawn.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted and to Governor.

To encourage the manufacture of beet sugar.

In relation to certain matters of insurance.

To supply the town of West Roxbury with water.

In addition to an act fixing the compensation of the mem-

bers of the legislature, and to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council.

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor.

To supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water.

To provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares.

To supply the town of Waltham with water.

To extend and amend chapter 150 of the General Statutes relating to liens upon buildings and land.

In relation to the recognizances of persons convicted under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

In addition to an act fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, and to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council.

To supply the city of Springfield with water.

Railroad
fares and
freight.

An engrossed resolve directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of regulating railroad fares and freight (which originated in the House) passed, and, with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next, at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Police Com-
missioners.

Mr. Parsons, from the special committee on the State Police, reported the bill in relation to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners with an amendment, authorizing the Governor and Council to increase the number of constables whenever, in their judgment, it is necessary; and the question on the adoption of the amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Bartholomew,	Bradley,	Brewster,
	Carpenter,	Coe,	Frost,
	Fuller,	Humphrey,	Lobdell,
	Parsons,	Sheldon,	Thayer, A.,
	Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Woodwell,
	Wright.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Boardman, Hewes, Jacobs,
Learnard, Smith, Tarbox,
Whitney, J. S.—7.

So the amendment was adopted ; and the bill was then read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

The bill to fix the compensation of the watchmen of the State House came up nonconcurrent in the Senate amendment therein ; and the Senate insisted on its amendment, and Messrs. Woods, Potter and Lobdell were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses in relation thereto.

Watchmen
of the State
House.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and the House disagrees to the appointment of a committee of conference ; and thereupon the Senate adhered to its amendment, and the bill was returned to the House.

The House bill to fix the compensation of the assistant clerks of the Senate and House came up nonconcurrent in the amendment proposed by the Senate therein ; and the Senate insisted on its amendment, and Messrs. Torrey, Boardman and Bartholomew were appointed a committee of conference in relation thereto.

Assistant
clerks of the
Senate and
House.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Towne of Fitchburg, Kimball of Boston and Nutt of Natick are appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Torrey, from the above committee, reported that they had been unable to agree ; and said report was accepted, and Messrs. Woods, Lobdell and Jacobs were appointed a new committee of conference on the matter of difference.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Hoyt of Athol and Gardner of Swansea are appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee of conference on the House bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River, reported that said committee had been unable

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Lowell Rail-
road Corpo-
ration.

to agree, and asked to be discharged from the consideration thereof; and the report was accepted, and Messrs. Bartholomew, Coe and Wallace were appointed a new committee of conference on the subject.

State police.

Mr. Parsons, on leave, introduced a bill to establish a better system of police; and the motion being made to suspend the rule requiring the same to be referred to a committee, the vote thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Coe,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griggs,	Johnson,
Lobdell,	Parsons,	Safford,
Sheldon,	Stickney,	Wallace,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Woodwell,
Wright.—19.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Hewes,	Jacobs,
Long,	Noble,	Potter,
Richardson,	Tarbox,	Thayer, A.,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Whitney, J.S.—12.

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule, and the bill was referred to the committee on the State Police.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mass Abattoir Co.

Mr. Sheldon, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company was refused a third reading; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman,	Griggs,	Hewes,
Johnson,	Long,	Safford,
Sheldon,	Tarbox,	Wallace.—9.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Coe,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Jacobs,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Noble,	Parsons,
Potter,	Stickney,	Thayer, A.,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Woodwell,
Wright.—22.		

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Papers from the House.

Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor.

A bill to amend an act in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Juvenile offenders.

On motion of Mr. Coe, a message was sent to the House of

Representatives requesting the return to the Senate of the bill extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders.

Soon after the bill was returned, in accordance with the request, and the vote whereby the Senate adhered to its amendment was reconsidered; and thereupon the Senate insisted on its amendment, and Messrs. Coe, Thayer of Worcester and Hewes were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Attorney-General transmitting, in compliance with a request of the Senate, a statement of all proceedings in relation to certain papers in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Hutchinson
Papers.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Prisons, on the Governor's address in relation to the prisons of the Commonwealth, submitted a report on the general condition of the same; and the report was accepted.

Prisons of
the Com-
monwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Safford, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses in relation to the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, reported, recommending that section 2 of said bill, with all amendments thereto, be stricken from the same.

Eastern Rail-
road Co.

And the question on the acceptance of the report was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Bradley,
Coe,	Giles,	Hewes,
Jacobs,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Noble,	Parsons,
Richardson,	Safford,	Stickney,
Wallace,	Whitney, J. S.,	Woodwell.—18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Brewster,	Carpenter,	Frost,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Long,
Potter,	Sheldon,	Tarbox,
Thayer, A.,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woods,	Wright.—15.

So the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted
and laid be-
fore the
Governor.

To modify the harbor lines between Savin Hill and Commercial Point in Boston Harbor.

For the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Mil-

ler's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville.

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River.

To supply the town of Newton with water.

To apportion and assess a state tax of 2,000,000 dollars.

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

To establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County.

In relation to reports of financial estimates.

In relation to cheap morning and evening trains.

To dissolve certain corporations.

To establish the salaries of district attorneys, and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District.

In relation to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners.

Resolves
passed and
laid before
the Govern-
or.

The following engrossed resolves (all of which originated in the House) passed, and, with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court on the subject of the transportation of coal.

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report certain information to the next General Court, regarding the transportation of merchandise and merchandise cars on railroads.

Authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands.

To provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens for the National Capitol.

To print the militia laws.

To provide for repairs and improvements in and around the State House.

Providing additional compensation to the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet tomorrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

Adjourn-
ment

TUESDAY, May 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the report of the committee of last year, and

Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the report of the Commissioners on the Provincetown Dike, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Provincetown Dike.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the committee on Insurance, on the annual report of the Insurance Commissioner in relation to fire and marine insurance, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon; and these reports were read and accepted.

Report of the Insurance Commissioner.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve fixing the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Private Secretary of the Governor came up concurred with an amendment, which was concurred in.

Compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Clerks of the Senate and House.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders came up with the indorsement that the committee had been unable to agree; and Messrs. Osborne of East Bridgewater, Sayward of Ipswich and Hobbs of Uxbridge are appointed a second committee of conference on the part of the House.

Juvenile offenders.

Thereupon the report was accepted; and Messrs. Humphrey, Wright and Larnard were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Vendome Hotel Company; and the same, under the 16th joint rule, was referred to the next General Court.

Vendome Hotel Co.

Mr. Woods, from the committee of conference on the resolve fixing the compensation of the assistant clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, reported that the House should recede from its nonconcurrence in the Senate amendment therein; and the report was accepted.

Assistant clerks of the Senate and House.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The President appointed Messrs. Richardson and Carpenter as the committee on the part of the Senate, under the

Memorial Statutes.

provisions of the resolves, to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens for the National Capitol.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. F. W. Lincoln of Boston and Cogswell of Yarmouth are joined.

Boston and
Lowell Rail-
road Corpo-
ration.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee of conference on the bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River, reported, recommending that the House recede from its nonconcurrence in the Senate amendment therein; and also that the bill be amended by the insertion of a new section, to be section 2 of the bill.

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Juvenile
offenders.

A report of the committee of conference on the bill extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, recommending the adoption of certain amendments to the amendment proposed by the Senate therein, as follows: strike out the words "a suitable," in the second and third lines, and insert "such"; and, in the third and fourth lines, strike out the words "not exceeding five in any county"; also, add at the end of section 1 the following: "*provided*, that the judges of the municipal, police and district courts may be so designated and commissioned,"—was accepted in concurrence.

Watchmen
of the State
House.

The House bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the State House came up, and the House adheres to its nonconcurrence; and the vote by which the Senate adhered to its amendment being reconsidered, the Senate thereupon receded from its amendment.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate receded, and the same being considered, the bill was laid on the table.

Salaries of
certain extra
clerks.

Mr. Bartholomew, on leave, introduced a resolve to fix the salaries of certain extra clerks; and the same was read three times, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Watchmen
of the State
House.

The bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the State House was taken from the table, and the motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate receded from its amendment was carried in the affirmative; and the question then recurring on the motion to recede, it was again carried in the affirmative; so the Senate receded from its amendment.

A bill (from the House) in addition to an act to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Appropriations.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill in relation to deposits in savings banks had been rejected by that branch. Savings banks.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk (Mr. Wakefield in the Chair) offered the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted :— President.

Resolved, That the members of this Senate, without dissenting voice, take pleasure in tendering to our honored and beloved President, Hon. Horace H. Coolidge, the profound acknowledgement of this body, for the uniform courtesy, ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the responsible duties of President during the session now about to close. We desire, also, as individuals, to express hereby our gratitude for the kind and gentle, yet dignified and effective, manner in which he has ever recalled us to parliamentary law, when we have trespassed upon the rules of the Senate; and to assure him that the prompt and suggestive perspicuity with which he has indicated to us the proper action we should take to reach our desires in bringing before the Senate, in proper form, under our rules, questions for legislation, has been observed, and so long as we shall live will be appreciated by each one of us. Not doubting that he has a brilliant and useful future before him, we shall always take pleasure in bearing testimony to his worth as a man, and to his value as a public servant.

The President, resuming the Chair, replied as follows :—

Senators :—I am deeply grateful for the kind words of this resolution, and for the still more kindly manner in which it was offered. I have not thought it proper, nor was it in accordance with my own feelings, to prepare any speech whatever. I felt that whatever I could say would come warmest from my heart, if unprepared. The duties of the presiding officer of this branch of the legislature are not arduous, but they are exceedingly pleasing. During the three years which I have occupied this position, I think I may say I have passed some of the happiest hours of my life in this chamber; and the uniform courtesy and kindness which I have experienced I shall long remember. During the long period of that service, there has never been an appeal taken from the Chair, excepting in one case, and that in order to sustain the Chair. I have felt that the confidence reposed in me by the Senate

President.

demanding of me my best endeavor to so shape the business of the Senate that it should meet the approval, not only of all of the senators, but of all the people of this Commonwealth. The most responsible and less pleasing duty which rests on the President of the Senate is the appointment of committees. It is necessary for him to do it early in the session, long before he can determine what the characteristics and peculiarities of each special senator are. He may know the small number of faces who are returned out of those who were with him the year before ; but the larger majority are strangers, and it is almost impossible for him to decide as to their fitness or unfitness for any particular duties ; and, too, the different parts of the State are to be balanced, so that there should not be any one part better represented on a committee than any other part ; and, with all these difficulties I could not, of course, expect for one moment to succeed in satisfying all members of the Senate ; but I do hope, and, from the candid words which come from different sources, I have reason to believe, that I did give an ordinary degree of satisfaction in the appointment of the committees ; and in their appointment I desired above all things that the welfare of the State should be protected, and that her business should be properly proceeded with. And I can say to you, in all confidence, that never have former committees done such good service as the committees of the Senate of 1872, and in the shortest space of time, probably, for ten years ; and it is due to the Senate of Massachusetts, and to the chairmanship of both branches, and it must have the thanks of the community for the amount of labor which we have performed so well. I stand here, Senators, at the close of nearly seven years of service in the Commonwealth. They have been the happiest years of my life. I have been enthusiastic in my love for the service of Massachusetts. It is for others to decide how well I have served her. This I know, I have served her honestly ; and it is with a feeling of sadness that I think, as I go forth from this chamber for the last time, that the places, in all probability, which have known me so long, will know me no more forever ; but I shall carry into my retirement a feeling of admiration for the men who have sat around me in this body and in the other branch of the legislature, each one of whom I shall be glad to meet, and, whatever may be my fate in after life, I shall certainly extend a warm and cordial hand to. I must say this, and it would not be in justice to my own feelings, if I have deserved one-half of what you have said, did I not pay my tribute of affection to our worthy Clerk. There is no man at this

board that does not warmly appreciate the qualities which make him so successful, and above all, his eminent patience. I think I never saw such a patient man in my life. But let me say to you, as the presiding officer, that his success is greatly and materially enhanced by the services of the Clerk. I return, also, my thanks for the fidelity with which your Assistant Clerk has performed his duties. He has been always modest and retiring. I am sure you will be glad to see him succeed in after life. And I return my thanks to the Sergeant-at-Arms and all the officers who have served under him, and towards whom I have the most friendly feelings.

Those who have sent us here have to pass upon our work. For my own part, I am willing to submit it to the judgment of an intelligent public; and I believe that the verdict as rendered will be, that the legislature of 1872 has passed many wise laws and omitted to pass many unwise laws, and demands well of the Commonwealth.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted
and laid
before the
Governor.

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes.

To amend an act in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor.

Extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders.

To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge.

In addition to an act to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed, and, with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Compensation of the
Sergeant-at-
arms and
the Clerks of
the Senate
and House
of Repre-
sentatives.

Increasing the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Private Secretary of the Governor.

Fixing the compensation of the assistant clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.

An engrossed bill to fix the compensation of the watchmen of the State House being put upon its final passage, the vote thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

Watchmen
of the State
House.

YEAS.—Messrs. Bradley,
Hewes,
Noble,

Brewster,
Humphrey,
Sheldon.—8.

Frost,
Johnson,

NAYS.—Messrs. Bartholomew,	Boardman,	Carpenter,
Fuller,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Woods,
Wright.—10.		

So the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Prorogation.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the legislature have disposed of all the public business now before them; and to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next; and Messrs. Frost, Whitney of Norfolk and Woods were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Bacon of Lawrence, Phillips of Salem, Towne of Fitchburg, Quincy of Boston, Bailey of Charlestown, and Hoyt of Athol are joined.

Subsequently, Mr. Frost, from the above-named committee, reported that the committee had attended to the duty assigned it; and that the Governor was pleased to say, that he would communicate with the two branches by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Soon after the Secretary came in with a message from the Governor, informing the Senate that he had, during the present session, signed 360 bills and 68 resolves; and, further, that he congratulated the members of the Senate upon their faithfulness in the discharge of the duties imposed upon them and their expedition in bringing their labors to a close.

The Secretary further informed the Senate that, in accordance with the request of the General Court, it was his pleasure, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the first Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next.

And the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

Attest:

STEPHEN N. GIFFORD.

Clerk of the Senate.

APPENDIX.

[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

1872.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
William B. Washburn, <i>Governor</i> , . . .	Greenfield, .	Jan. 31, 1820,	Winchendon, .	Banker & Manuf'r, .	1872.
Joseph Tucker, <i>Lieutenant-Governor</i> , . . .	Lenox, .	Aug. 21, 1832,	Lenox, .	Lawyer, . . .	1869.
Alfred Macy, <i>Councillor</i> , Dist. No. 1, . . .	Nantucket, .	Sept. 1, 1831,	Nantucket, .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
William L. Reed, " 2, . . .	Abington, .	Oct. 5, 1825,	S. Abington, .	Manufacturer, .	1870.
Milo Hildreth, " 3, . . .	Northborough, .	Aug. 17, 1824,	Townsend, .	Manufacturer, .	1872.
Jonas Fitch, " 4, . . .	Boston, .	Mar. 21, 1811,	Pepperell, .	Carpenter, . .	1871.
John F. Harris, " 5, . . .	Marblehead, .	- - -	Marblehead, .	Shoe Manufacturer, .	1871.
Jonathan B. Winn, " 6, . . .	Woburn, .	Aug. 24, 1811,	Burlington, .	Leather Manufact'r, .	1870.
Elijah B. Stoddard, " 7, . . .	Worcester, .	June 5, 1826,	Upton, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
Edwin Chase, " 8, . . .	Holyoke, .	Mar. 17, 1818,	Litchfield, N.H.,	Lumber Dealer, .	1872.
Sidney Andrews, <i>Governor's Private Secretary</i> , . . .	Boston, .	Oct. 7, 1837,	Sheffield, . .	Journalist, . .	1872.

Heads of Departments,—

Oliver Warner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Northampton, .	Apr. 17, 1818,	Northampton, .	-	1858.
Charles Adams, Jr., <i>Treasurer</i> ,	N. Brookfield, .	Jan. 31, 1810,	Antrim, N. H., .	-	1867.
Charles Endicott, <i>Auditor</i> ,	Canton, .	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton, .	Lawyer, .	1870.
Charles R. Train, <i>Attorney-General</i> ,	Boston, .	Oct. 18, 1817,	Framingham, .	Lawyer, .	1847.
James A. Cunningham, <i>Adjutant-General</i> ,	Gloucester, .	Nov. 27, 1830,	Boston, .	Farmer, .	1868.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.

HORACE H. COOLIDGE, PRESIDENT.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District,	Rufus S. Frost, .	Chelsea,	July 18, 1826,	Marlboro', N. H.,	Merchant,	1871.
Second "	Alonzo W. Boardman,	Boston,	June 16, 1828,	Saugus,	Counsellor-at-Law,	1871.
Third "	Francis W. Jacobs,†	Boston,	Dec. 20, 1837,	Newburyport,	Lawyer,	1872.
Fourth "	Horace H. Coolidge,	Boston,	Feb. 11, 1832,	Boston,	Lawyer,	*1865.
Fifth "	Wm. H. Larnard, Jr.,	Boston,	Jan. 8, 1828,	Boston,	Merchant,	1872.
Sixth "	Robert Johnson,	Boston,	July 17, 1823,	Harrison, Me.,	Supt. S. Bost'n R.R.,	*1863.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Orrin Hewes, .	Lynn,	March 4, 1833,	Lynnfield,	Shoe-maker,	*1870.
Second "	Daniel E. Safford,	Hamilton,	Feb. 5, 1826,	Hamilton,	Lawyer,	*1861.
Third "	John K. Tarbox,	Lawrence,	May 6, 1838,	Methuen,	Lawyer,	*1868.
Fourth "	David T. Woodwell,	Newburyport,	Oct. 7, 1820,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	*1869.
Fifth "	Newell Giles, .	Rockport,	Feb. 14, 1818,	Rockport,	Manufacturer,	1872.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
First District,	William B. Long,	Charlestown,	Oct. 11, 1827,	Charlestown,	-	*1863.
Second "	Joseph S. Potter,	Arlington,	Feb. 8, 1822,	Baldwinville, N.Y.,	Manufacturer,	*1896.
Third "	Robert O. Fuller,	Cambridge,	Sept. 12, 1829,	Cambridge,	Merchant,	*1870.
Fourth "	J. Newton Pike,	Ashland,	Aug. 24, 1824,	Ashland,	Manufacturer,	*1871.
Fifth "	Levi Wallace, .	Pepperell,	Feb. 27, 1832,	Townsend,	Attorney-at-Law,	*1868.

Sixth District,	Carroll D. Wright,	Reading,	July 25, 1840,	Dunbarton, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1872.
Seventh "	Geo. F. Richardson,	Lowell,	Dec. 6, 1829,	Tyngsborough,	Lawyer,	1871.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District,	Adin Thayer,	Worcester,	Dec. 5, 1828,	Mendon,	Lawyer,	1871.
Second "	Samuel M. Griggs,	Westboro',	Sept. 10, 1822,	Grafton, Vt.,	Merchant,	*1863.
Third "	A. J. Bartholomew,	Southbridge,	Oct. 1, 1834,	Hardwick,	Lawyer,	*1867.
Fourth "	Baxter D. Whitney,	Winchendon,	June 28, 1817,	Winchendon,	Machinist,	1871.
Fifth "	George A. Torrey,	Fitchburg,	May 14, 1838,	Fitchburg,	Lawyer,	1872.
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
First District,	William L. Smith,	Springfield,	Aug. 28, 1824,	Boston,	Lawyer,	*1862.
Second "	Reuben Noble,	Westfield,	Oct. 26, 1820,	Westfield,	Manufacturer,	1872.
BERKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District,	Rufus D. Woods,	Enfield,	May 1, 1818,	Enfield,	Farmer,	*1858.
Berkshire & Hampshire Dis.,	Elisha H. Brewster,	Worthington,	Aug. 5, 1809,	Worthington,	Merchant,	*1848.
Berkshire District,	Shepard Thayer,	Adams,	Aug. 16, 1827,	Williamstown,	Lawyer,	1867.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District,	George Sheldon,	Deerfield,	Nov. 30, 1818,	Deerfield,	Farmer,	*1867.
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District,	James S. Whitney,	Brookline,	May, 19, 1811,	Deerfield,	Pres. of two Corps.,	*1851.
Second "	Thos. L. Wakefield,	Dedham,	June 15, 1817,	Londonderry, Vt.,	Lawyer,	*1865.
Third "	Erastus P. Carpenter,	Foxborough,	Nov. 23, 1822,	Foxborough,	Manufacturer,	1872.
Norfolk and Plymouth Dis.,	James Humphrey,	Weymouth,	Jan. 20, 1819,	Weymouth,	Lawyer,	*1852.
First Plymouth District,	George W. Lobdell,	Mattapoisett,	June 17, 1823,	Plymouth,	Contractor,	*1870.
Second "	Lloyd Parsons,	Bridgewater,	May 13, 1816,	Middleborough,	Manufacturer,	*1870.

* House of Representatives.

† In place of Charles Hale, resigned.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Frederick L. Ames, .	Easton, .	June 8, 1836,	North Easton, .	Manufacturer, .	1872.
Second " . . .	Isaac H. Coe, . . .	New Bedford, .	May 12, 1818,	Woodstock, Conn.,	Clergyman, . .	*1866.
Third " . . .	Charles P. Stickney, .	Fall River, .	Mar. 14, 1824,	Chester, N. H., .	Merchant, . .	1871.
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES.						
Cape District, . . .	Joseph K. Baker, .	Dennis, .	Oct. 8, 1827,	Dennis, . .	Merchant, . .	*1870.
Island " . . .	Charles Bradley, .	Tisbury, .	1816,	Edgartown, . .	Merchant, . .	*1868.

* House of Representatives.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
Stephen N. Gifford, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Duxbury, . . .	July 21, 1815,	Pembroke, . .	1858.
Edward Abbott, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Cambridge, . .	- - -	- - -	1872.
John Morrissey, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> (to both branches),	Plymouth, . .	Sept. 22, 1818,	Boston, . . .	1859.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JOHN E. SANFORD, SPEAKER.

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Districts.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1, . . .	Henry S. Washburn, Edward Pearl, . . .	Boston, . . .	June 10, 1813, Sept. 25, 1825,	Providence, R. I., Rochester, N. H.,	Manuf. of Iron and Wire, Manf. & Dealer in Varnishes,	1871. 1871. 1872.
2, . . .	Henry B. Hill, . . . Michael Carney, William Taylor, . . .	" . . .	Nov. 12, 1827, Apr. 15, 1890, Aug. 6, 1897,	Culdaiff, Ireland, St. Johns, N. F., Ireland,	Trader, . . . Trader, . . . Stable Keeper, . . .	1869. 1872. 1872.
3, . . .	Henry Splain, . . . George Going, . . . John Newell, . . .	" . . .	July 4, 1824, Jan. 10, 1816, Aug. 26, 1811,	New Ipswich, N. H., Strong, Me., Boston,	Wines and Tobacco, Life Insurance Agt., . . . Real Estate, . . .	1871. 1871. 1872.
4, . . .	Charles M. Kingsley, John A. Lamson, Samuel M. Quincy, . . .	" . . .	Mar. 8, 1831, June 18, 1892, July 20, 1890,	Topsfield, Boston, . . . Whittingham, Vt.,	Physician, . . . Lawyer, . . . Hotel Keeper, . . .	1871. 1861. 1872.
5, . . .	Barney Hull, . . . George A. Shaw, Edward B. Rankin, . . .	" . . .	Sept. 4, 1816, July 22, 1842, Feb. 27, 1817,	Plymouth, . . . Boston, . . . Boston, . . .	Merchant, . . . Brass Finisher, . . . Manufacturer, . . .	1859. 1871. 1847.
6, . . .	Frederic W. Lincoln, Charles R. Codman, . . . John J. Smith, . . .	" . . .	Oct. 28, 1829, 1820, Sept. 1, 1844,	Boston, . . . Richmond, Va., Boston, . . .	Lawyer, . . . Hair Dresser, . . . Jeweller, . . .	1864. 1868. 1871.
	Hugh J. Toland, Patrick O'Connor, . . . Michael J. Croak, . . .	" . . .	Oct., 1842, Aug. 28, 1843,	Ireland, Boston, . . .	Grocer, . . . Book-keeper, . . .	1872. 1872.

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SUFFOLK Co.—Con.						
No. 8, . . .	Moses Kimball, . . .	Boston, . . .	Oct. 24, 1809, . . .	Newburyport, . . .	Boston Museum, . . .	1850.
. . .	Ira L. Moore, . . .	" . . .	Nov. 23, 1823, . . .	Candia, N. H., . . .	Physician, . . .	1857.
. . .	Julius K. Banister, . . .	" . . .	Feb. 22, 1833, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Furniture Dealer, . . .	1872.
9, . . .	Francis D. Stedman, . . .	" . . .	Feb. 10, 1801, . . .	Lancaster, . . .	Life Insurance Agt., . . .	1857.
. . .	Jeremiah L. Newton, . . .	" . . .	Oct., 1824, . . .	Phillipston, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1869.
10, . . .	Noah Lincoln, . . .	" . . .	Jan. 8, 1810, . . .	Boston, . . .	Wharfinger, . . .	1856.
. . .	Samuel B. Hopkins, . . .	" . . .	Mar. 12, 1823, . . .	Hampden, Me., . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
11, . . .	Charles V. Poor, . . .	" . . .	Nov. 2, 1817, . . .	Belfast, Me., . . .	Druggist, . . .	1871.
. . .	Edward W. Griggs, . . .	" . . .	May 29, 1834, . . .	Brimfield, . . .	Real Estate, . . .	1871.
. . .	Daniel A. Patch, . . .	" . . .	July 22, 1832, . . .	Hamilton, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
12, . . .	Albert J. Wright, . . .	" . . .	June 22, 1818, . . .	South Hadley, . . .	Printer, . . .	1854.
. . .	Liberty D. Packard, . . .	" . . .	Sept. 13, 1831, . . .	N. Bridgewater, . . .	Physician, . . .	1872.
13, . . .	Horatio B. Hersey, . . .	Chelsea, . . .	Jan. 18, 1823, . . .	Boston, . . .	" . . .	1871.
. . .	Elbridge C. Donnell, . . .	Chelsea, . . .	Sept. 16, 1839, . . .	Chelsea, . . .	House & Ship Joiner, . . .	1872.
. . .	Thomas W. Porter, . . .	Bevere, . . .	Nov. 13, 1820, . . .	Vienna, Me., . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
Essex County.						
No. 1, . . .	Benjamin F. Sargent, . . .	Amesbury, . . .	June 10, 1813, . . .	West Newbury, . . .	Carriage Maker, . . .	1872.
. . .	James H. Durgin, . . .	W. Newbury, . . .	Mar. 4, 1833, . . .	Hampstead, N. H., . . .	Shoe Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
. . .	William E. Blunt, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Aug. 21, 1840, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
2, . . .	Henry O. Burr, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Sept. 13, 1829, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Book-keeper, . . .	1871.
. . .	Almond R. Lancaster, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Mar. 1, 1829, . . .	Corinna, Me., . . .	Leather Dealer, . . .	1872.
3, . . .	Horace C. Bacon, . . .	Lawrence, . . .	Dec. 14, 1824, . . .	Newton, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
. . .	Patrick Murphy, . . .	Lawrence, . . .	Mar. 10, 1837, . . .	Dromod, Ireland, . . .	Printer, . . .	1872.
. . .	Joseph S. Howe, . . .	Methuen, . . .	Oct. 12, 1832, . . .	Methuen, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1870.
4, . . .	George H. Poor, . . .	Andover, . . .	Jan. 21, 1841, . . .	Andover, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.

No. 5,	Leverett Hopkinson,	Groveland,	Oct. 17, 1822,	Groveland,	Farmer,	1872.
6,	Robert Couch,	Newburyport,	June 28, 1818,	Newburyport,	Master Mariner,	1872.
7,	George W. Clark,	Newburyport,	Oct. 24, 1836,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	1872.
8,	William Cushing,	Newburyport,	Aug. 10, 1823,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	1872.
9,	Charles A. Sayward,	Ipawich,	June 28, 1837,	Ipawich,	Lawyer,	1871.
10,	Benjamin H. Corlies,	Gloucester,	Sept. 26, 1818,	Gloucester,	Merchant,	1871.
11,	Charles P. Thompson,	Gloucester,	July 30, 1827,	Braintree,	Lawyer,	1871.
12,	John C. Choate,	Essex,	Feb. 7, 1832,	Essex,	Ship Carver,	1872.
13,	James W. Bradley,	Rockport,	Oct. 16, 1828,	Rockport,	Trader,	1872.
14,	Frederick W. Creasy,	Beverly,	Jan. 4, 1839,	Beverly,	Shoe Finisher,	1869.
15,	Nathan H. Webb,	Beverly,	Dec. 3, 1835,	Beverly,	Shoe Cutter,	1870.
16,	George H. Peabody,	Danvers,	Sept. 5, 1838,	Danvers,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1871.
17,	Charles V. Hanson,	Peabody,	Aug. 30, 1844,	Portland, Me.,	Clergyman,	1872.
18,	Willard P. Phillips,	Salem,	Sept. 5, 1826,	Salem,	Merchant,	1848.
19,	George Sanborn,	Salem,	1816,	Salem,	Coal Dealer,	1872.
20,	William A. Creasy,	Salem,	1820,	Marblehead,	—	1872.
	Francis E. Pedrick,	Marblehead,	Apr. 27, 1829,	Marblehead,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1872.
	George Hatch,	Marblehead,	Dec. 15, 1832,	Wells, Me.,	Carpenter,	1872.
	Bowman B. Breed,	Lynn,	Feb. 29, 1832,	Lynn,	Physician,	1872.
	John W. Blaney,	Lynn,	July 25, 1815,	Marblehead,	Morocco Manuf'r.,	1870.
	Henry B. Lovering,	Lynn,	Apr. 8, 1841,	Portsmouth, N. H.,	Laster,	1872.
	James P. Bacheller,	Lynn,	Mar. 24, 1840,	Lynn,	Trader,	1872.
	Anson McLoud,	Topsfield,	June 22, 1813,	Hardland, Ct.,	Clergyman,	1872.
MIDDLESEX Co.						
No. 1,	Oliver Ayers,	Charlestown,	Mar. 4, 1821,	Portsmouth, N. H.,	Supt. of Machinery,	1872.
2,	Thomas B. Harris,	Charlestown,	Aug. 10, 1825,	Charlestown,	Merchant,	1870.
3,	Joseph H. Cotton,	Charlestown,	Aug. 27, 1833,	Tuftsboro', N. H.,	Lawyer,	1871.
	Andrew J. Bailey,	Charlestown,	July 18, 1840,	Charlestown,	Lawyer,	1871.
	Charles Curtis,	Charlestown,	Feb. 14, 1836,	Londonderry, Vt.,	Milk business,	1872.

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MIDDLESEX Co.—Con.						
No. 4, . . .	Charles H. Taylor, . . .	Somerville, . . .	July 14, 1846, . . .	Charlestown, . . .	Journalist, . . .	1872.
5, . . .	Samuel A. Carlton, . . .	Somerville, . . .	Nov. 2, 1827, . . .	Salem, . . .	President of Bank, . . .	1872.
6, . . .	John H. Abbott, . . .	Malden, . . .	Aug. 16, 1825, . . .	Bedford, . . .	Real Estate, . . .	1872.
7, . . .	Benjamin F. Hayes, . . .	Medford, . . .	July 3, 1835, . . .	Bedford, Me., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
8, . . .	David N. Skillings, . . .	Winchester, . . .	Mar. 7, 1818, . . .	Falmouth, Me., . . .	Lumber Merchant, . . .	1872.
9, . . .	Charles F. Walcott, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Dec. 22, 1836, . . .	Hopkinton, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
10, . . .	John McDuffie, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Dec. 23, 1828, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Postmaster, . . .	1868.
11, . . .	Curtis C. Nichols, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Mar. 6, 1814, . . .	Freetown, . . .	Five Cts. Sav'g's Bk., Boct'n, . . .	1871.
12, . . .	John W. Hammond, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Dec. 16, 1837, . . .	Mattapoisett, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
13, . . .	Ezra Parmenter, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Mar. 20, 1823, . . .	Boston, . . .	Physician, . . .	1871.
14, . . .	Alfred B. Ely, . . .	Newton, . . .	Jan. 30, 1817, . . .	Monson, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
15, . . .	George W. Ware, Jr., . . .	Belmont, . . .	Sept. 6, 1839, . . .	Whitehall, N. Y., . . .	Clergyman, . . .	1872.
16, . . .	William A. Adams, . . .	Waltham, . . .	Oct. 8, 1837, . . .	Boston, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
17, . . .	William Nutt, . . .	Natick, . . .	Aug. 5, 1836, . . .	Waltham, Vt., . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
18, . . .	Peter R. Johnson, . . .	Holliston, . . .	June 22, 1826, . . .	Holliston, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
19, . . .	A. C. Putnam, . . .	Hopkinton, . . .	Nov. 13, 1805, . . .	Stow, . . .	Boot Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
20, . . .	Edward L. Bigelow, . . .	Frammingham, . . .	Feb., —, 1804, . . .	Dunstable, . . .	Mechanic, . . .	1872.
21, . . .	Benjamin W. Gleason, . . .	Marlborough, . . .	June 27, 1839, . . .	Marlborough, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1870.
22, . . .	Horace Heard, . . .	Stow, . . .	Oct. 12, 1806, . . .	Petersham, . . .	Woolen Manufacturer, . . .	1869.
23, . . .	Charles H. Fiske, . . .	Wayland, . . .	Oct. 16, 1804, . . .	Wayland, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1872.
24, . . .	William M. Ashby, . . .	Bedford, . . .	Oct. 26, 1840, . . .	Boston, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1868.
25, . . .	Walter Wyman, . . .	Woburn, . . .	May 11, 1821, . . .	England, . . .	Miller, . . .	1872.
26, . . .			Apr. 16, 1806, . . .	Woburn, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1872.

No. 23,	{ Nelson Cochran,	Melrose,	Feb. 8, 1824,	Windham, N. H.,	Surveyor,	1872.
24,	{ Amos Hill,	Stoneham,	Oct. 26, 1830,	Stoneham,	Civil Engineer,	1872.
25,	{ Wm. J. Wightman,	Reading,	Aug. 20, 1810,	Boston,	Clerk,	1872.
26,	{ Alvin Marshall,	Tewksbury,	Oct. 28, 1815,	Tewksbury,	Cabinet Manufacturer,	1872.
27,	{ Jonathan P. Folsom,	Lowell,	Oct. 9, 1820,	Tanworth, N. H.,	Merchant,	1871.
28,	{ George F. Scribner,	Lowell,	Oct. 16, 1830,	Chelsea, Vt.,	Contractor,	1871.
29,	{ Wm. H. Loughlin,	Lowell,	Oct. 31, 1847,	Waterford, Ireland,	Lawyer,	1872.
30,	{ Willard A. Brown,	Lowell,	Jan. 12, 1836,	Londonderry, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1871.
31,	{ J. Henry Read,	Westford,	Feb. 25, 1828,	Oxford,	Dealer in Lea & Findings,	1871.
32,	{ E. Dana Bancroft,	Ayer,	Sept. 6, 1821,	Pepperell,	Insurance Agent,	1870.
	{ Alvin Lawton,	Shirley,	Aug. 31, 1833,	Shirley,	Lumber Merchant,	1872.
WORCESTER Co.						
No. 1,	{ Albert G. Sinclair,	Winchendon,	Jan. 16, 1845,	Haverhill, N. H.,	Harness Manufacturer,	1872.
2,	{ George H. Hoyt,	Athol,	Nov. 25, 1837,	Athol,	Lawyer,	1872.
3,	{ William Stone,	Templeton,	May 1, 1827,	Templeton,	Iron Founder,	1872.
4,	{ Lyman Woodward,	Hubbardston,	Dec. 31, 1831,	Hubbardston,	Druggist,	1865.
	{ Harding Woods,	Barre,	Sept. 6, 1822,	Barre,	Merchant,	1872.
5,	{ George E. Towne,	Fitchburg,	Sept. 2, 1829,	Fitchburg,	Chair Manufacturer,	1868.
	{ John W. Kimball,	Fitchburg,	Feb. 27, 1828,	Fitchburg,	Police Comr. & Tax Comr.,	1864.
	{ E. P. Loring,	Fitchburg,	Mar. 2, 1837,	Fitchburg,	Lawyer,	1872.
6,	{ George A. Parker,	Landcaster,	May 9, 1822,	Norridgewock, Me.,	Civil Engineer,	1870.
7,	{ Jonas E. Howe,	Clinton,	Oct. 23, 1814,	Concord, N. H.,	Builder,	1860.
8,	{ Asa Keyes,	Sterling,	Sept. 17, 1805,	Rutland,	Farmer,	1872.
9,	{ Isaac N. Ross,	Holden,	Aug. 22, 1824,	Sterling, N. H.,	Farmer & Manufacturer,	1871.
	{ Lewis Barnard,	Worcester,	May 15, 1816,	Hanover, N. H.,	Merchant,	1871.
	{ John Gates,	Worcester,	Mar. 2, 1807,	Worcester,	Lumber Dealer,	1872.
10,	{ Burton W. Potter,	Worcester,	Feb. 8, 1843,	Coltsville, N. Y.,	Lawyer,	1872.

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WORCESTER—Con.						
No. 11, . . .	John S. Baldwin, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Jan. 6, 1834, . . .	New Haven, Ct., . . .	Journalist, . . .	1871.
12, . . .	Joseph R. Torrey, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Aug. 23, 1828, . . .	New Salem, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1871.
13, . . .	George P. Kendrick, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Aug. 22, 1824, . . .	Warren, . . .	Livery Stable, . . .	1872.
14, . . .	George F. Slocumb, . . .	Grafton, . . .	Feb. 3, 1823, . . .	Northbridge, . . .	Boot & Shoe Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
15, . . .	Francis Fisher, . . .	Southborough, . . .	Feb. 21, 1811, . . .	Edgartown, . . .	Master Mariner, . . .	1872.
16, . . .	William Knowlton, . . .	Upton, . . .	— . . .	— . . .	— . . .	— . . .
17, . . .	George B. Blake, . . .	Milford, . . .	Feb. 28, 1823, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	Boot Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
18, . . .	William H. Aldrich, . . .	Mendon, . . .	May, 26, 1825, . . .	Mendon, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
19, . . .	George W. Hobbs, . . .	Uxbridge, . . .	Mar. 22, 1839, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
20, . . .	Horace I. Joelin, . . .	Webster, . . .	Sept. 24, 1836, . . .	Webster, . . .	Hotel Keeper, . . .	1872.
21, . . .	E. Harris Howland, . . .	Oxford, . . .	Feb. 8, 1846, . . .	Brookfield, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
22, . . .	Irving B. Sayles, . . .	Millbury, . . .	Dec. 10, 1839, . . .	Woonsocket, R. I., . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
23, . . .	C. C. Denny,* . . .	Leicester, . . .	Jan. 10, 1813, . . .	Leicester, . . .	Card Clothing Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
24, . . .	William Upham, . . .	Spencer, . . .	Feb. 27, 1825, . . .	Brimfield, . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1857.
25, . . .	Daniel W. Knight, . . .	N. Brookfield, . . .	May —, 1835, . . .	N. Brookfield, . . .	Shoemaker, . . .	1869.
26, . . .	Simon H. Sibley, . . .	Warren, . . .	Dec. 22, 1816, . . .	Sutton, . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
HAMPSHIRE Co.						
No. 1, . . .	William F. Arnold, . . .	Northampton, . . .	Sept. 20, 1815, . . .	Enfield, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1858.
2, . . .	Samuel B. Quigley, . . .	Southampton, . . .	Sept. 2, 1821, . . .	Chester, . . .	Farmer & Manufacturer, . . .	1871.
3, . . .	Sumner U. Church, . . .	Middlefield, . . .	Nov. —, 1810, . . .	Middlefield, . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
4, . . .	Thomas M. Carter, . . .	Williamsburg, . . .	July 17, 1832, . . .	Hawley, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
5, . . .	Ira B. Wright, . . .	South Hadley, . . .	1830, . . .	Wilmington, Vt., . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
6, . . .	C. B. Smith, . . .	South Hadley, . . .	Apr. 24, 1839, . . .	South Hadley, . . .	Physician & Surgeon, . . .	1872.
7, . . .	John W. Robinson, . . .	Granby, . . .	May 1, 1826, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.

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BERKSHIRE Co.—Con.						
No. 4,	Chapin Converse, . .	Hinsdale, . .	1812, . .	Windsor, . .	Merchant, . .	1852.
5,	George O. Peck, . .	Lenox, . .	Oct. 15, 1817, . .	Lenox, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1872.
6,	Charles E. Slater, . .	Tyringham, . .	June 9, 1830, . .	Tyringham, . .	Farmer, . .	1872.
7,	Frederick T. Whiting, . .	Gt. Barrington, . .	June 6, 1826, . .	W. Stockbridge, . .	Apothecary, . .	1872.
8,	Milton Abbey, . .	Sandisfield, . .	Aug. 11, 1819, . .	Sandisfield, . .	Farmer, . .	1872.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Augustus B. Endicott, . .	Dedham, . .	Sept. 10, 1818, . .	Canton, . .	Deputy Sheriff, . .	1872.
2,	Robert Seaver, . .	W. Roxbury, . .	Feb. 28, 1812, . .	Roxbury, . .	Grocer, . .	1872.
3,	Albert Palmer, . .	Boston, . .	Jan. 17, 1831, . .	Candia, N. H., . .	Ice Business, . .	1872.
4,	George Bartholmes, . .	Boston, . .	Apr. 22, 1821, . .	Bavaria, Germany, . .	Boot & Shoe Manuf., . .	1872.
5,	Brownell Granger, . .	Boston, . .	Apr. 23, 1835, . .	Greenfield, . .	Civil Engineer, . .	1872.
6,	Charles Stanwood, . .	Boston, . .	Aug. 21, 1816, . .	Newburyport, . .	Supt. Jam. Pond Aqued. Corp., . .	1868.
7,	Laban Pratt, . .	Boston, . .	Nov. 15, 1829, . .	Weymouth, . .	Lumber Dealer, . .	1871.
8,	Henry S. Adams, . .	Hyde Park, . .	Aug. 8, 1832, . .	Derry, N. H., . .	Assistant Postmaster, . .	1871.
9,	Benjamin L. Morrison, . .	Quincy, . .	Sept. 28, 1823, . .	Ripley, Me., . .	Real Estate, . .	1866.
10,	Noah B. Thayer, . .	Braintree, . .	Mar. 28, 1828, . .	Weymouth, . .	Yarn Manufacturer, . .	1872.
11,	Charles Q. Tirrell, . .	Weymouth, . .	Jan. 26, 1830, . .	Weymouth, . .	Boot Manufacturer, . .	1872.
12,	Ludovicus F. Wild, . .	Weymouth, . .	Dec. 10, 1844, . .	Sharon, . .	Lawyer, . .	1872.
13,	Henry Jones, . .	Randolph, . .	Aug. 1, 1825, . .	Randolph, . .	Boot & Shoe Manuf., . .	1872.
14,	David W. Tucker, . .	Stoughton, . .	Dec. 28, 1821, . .	Stoughton, . .	Boot Manufacturer, . .	1872.
15,	James S. Shepard, . .	Milton, . .	Mar. 31, 1815, . .	Milton, . .	Farmer, . .	1871.
16,	William H. Thomas, . .	Canton, . .	July 23, 1829, . .	Foxborough, . .	Cotton Manufacturer, . .	1871.
17,	George Sheldon, . .	Foxborough, . .	Apr. 10, 1817, . .	Portland, Me., . .	Printer, . .	1872.
18,	Seneca Burr, . .	Wrentham, . .	Oct. 16, 1831, . .	Cumberland, R. I., . .	Boat Builder, . .	1872.
19,		Bellingham, . .		Bellingham, . .	Miller, . .	1872.

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No. 14,	John M. Harris,	Needham,	May 7, 1819,	Charlestown,	Civil Engineer,	1872.
15,	Austin W. Benton,	Brookline,	Nov. 16, 1818,	Rowe,	-	1872.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Obed C. Turner,	Attleborough,	Mar. 30, 1840,	Attleborough,	Physician,	1872.
2,	John H. Rogerson,	Norton,	June 5, 1812,	Rehoboth,	Merchant,	1872.
3,	George H. Bates,	Easton,	May 8, 1839,	Topsfield,	Clergyman,	1872.
4,	John E. Sanford,	Taunton,	Nov. 22, 1830,	Dennis,	Lawyer,	1863.
5,	John H. Church,	Taunton,	Dec. 6, 1836,	Bristol, R. I.,	Grain & Flour Dealer,	1871.
6,	William R. Black,	Taunton,	Aug. 23, 1830,	P. E. Island,	Manufactur' of Paint,	1872.
7,	William Babbitt,	Berkley,	Mar. 22, 1817,	Berkley,	Lumber Manufact'r,	1861.
8,	Job Gardner, Jr.,	Swansea,	Dec. 27, 1826,	Swansea,	Farmer,	1870.
9,	George O. Fairbanks,	Fall River,	Feb. 14, 1815,	Medway,	Dentist,	1872.
10,	George H. Eddy,	Fall River,	Jan. 5, 1829,	Warren, R. I.,	Treas. of Mill Corp.,	1872.
11,	Thomas F. Holder,	Fall River,	Jan. 8, 1839,	Fall River,	-	1872.
12,	Giles E. Brownell,	Westport,	Jan. 12, 1819,	Westport,	Farmer,	1872.
1,	Benjamin F. Wing,	Dartmouth,	Oct. 22, 1822,	Dartmouth,	Mariner,	1872.
2,	Joseph H. Cornell,	New Bedford,	Mar. 23, 1818,	Dartmouth,	Mariner,	1871.
3,	Ellis Perry,	New Bedford,	Apr. 15, 1809,	Sandwich,	Coal Dealer,	1871.
4,	Isaac D. Hall,	New Bedford,	Nov. 2, 1807,	Portsmouth, R. I.,	-	1837.
5,	Thomas B. Tripp,	New Bedford,	Aug. 19, 1838,	New Bedford,	Merchant,	1872.
6,	William H. Whitfield,	Fairhaven,	Nov. 15, 1804,	New Bedford,	Farmer,	1872.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.						
1,	Moses R. Colman,*	Scituate,	-	-	-	1872.
2,	Hawkes Fearing,	Hingham,	May, 20, 1826,	Hingham,	Manufacturer,	1871.
3,	Thomas B. Waterman,	S. Scituate,	Jan. 9, 1830,	S. Scituate,	Ship Builder,	1827.
4,	John T. Z. Thompson,	Halifax,	Sept. 3, 1811,	Halifax,	Farmer,	1872.
5,	Josiah Peterson,	Duxbury,	Dec. 15, 1820,	Duxbury,	Trader,	1872.
6,	Tiedale S. White,	Plymouth,	-	-	-	-
7,	William Perkins,	Plymouth,	Feb. 23, 1824,	Plymouth,	Farmer,	1872.

* Died. See Journal.

APPENDIX.

Districts.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
PLYMOUTH Co.—Con.						
No. 7,	Alden Beese,	Wareham,	Apr. 9, 1821,	Wareham,	Master Mariner,	1871.
8,	Geo. W. Humphrey,	Rochester, 1826,	Jericho, Vt.,	Agriculture,	1872.
9,	Noah C. Perkins,	Middleboro',	May 28, 1810,	Middleborough,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1872.
10,	Southworth Harlow,	Bridgewater,	Aug. 6, 1824,	Halifax,	Blacksmith,	1872.
11,	William H. Osborne,	E. Bridgewater,	Sept. 16, 1839,	Scituate,	Lawyer,	1872.
.	E. Loving Thayer,	N. Bridgewater,	July 2, 1824,	N. Bridgewater,	Boot & Shoe Manuf.,	1872.
.	Franklin P. Harlow,	Abington,	Dec. 8, 1828,	Springfield, Vt.,	Mechanic,	1871.
12,	Albert F. Kelley,	Abington,	May, 17, 1840,	Chelmsford,	Merchant,	1871.
BARNSTABLE Co.						
No. 1,	John B. D. Cogswell,	Yarmouth,	June 6, 1829,	Yarmouth,	Lawyer,	1857.
.	Ezra C. Howard,	Sandwich,	Sept. 1, 1831,	Sandwich,	Iron Founder,	1871.
.	Nathaniel Sears,	Barnstable,	Oct. 8, 1825,	Rochester,	Conductor,	1872.
2,	Erastus Chase,	Harwich,	May, 29, 1828,	Harwich,	Merchant,	1871.
.	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,	Brewster,	Sept. 26, 1825,	Brewster,	Wheelwright,	1872.
8,	Lot Higgins,	Orleans,	Sept. 10, 1809,	Orleans,	Merchant,	1872.
.	Jesse S. Pendergraft,	Truro,	May 25, 1835,	North Truro,	-	1867.
4,	Reuben G. Sparks,	Provincetown,	July 30, 1822,	Provincetown,	House & Ship Joiner,	1872.
DUKES COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Nathl M. Jernegan,	Edgartown,	Aug. 12, 1820,	Edgartown,	Master Mariner,	1872.
NANTUCKET Co.						
No. 1,	Robert F. Gardner,	Nantucket,	Feb. 15, 1815,	Nantucket,	Merchant,	1871.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
William S. Robinson, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Malden,	Dec. 7, 1818,	Concord,	1862.
W. H. Cudworth, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston,	-	-	1872.

[No. 2.]

RULES AND ORDERS OF THE SENATE.

Of the Duties and Powers of the President.

RULE 1. To call the members to order, and cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

RULE 2. To preserve order and decorum—To speak to points of order in preference to other members—To decide all questions of order, subject to appeal—To rise in putting a question, &c., but may read sitting.

RULE 3. To declare all votes; if doubted, a return to be ordered—President may vote, but to be required to do so in certain cases only.

RULE 4. The President to vote on all questions.

RULE 5. President to order the Yeas and Nays, if one-fifth of the members present require them.

RULE 6. Concerning motions when a question is under debate, and the precedence thereof.

RULE 7. Motions undebatable.

RULE 8. President to name who may speak, when two or more members rise at once.

RULE 9. President may name member to take his place—Limitation thereof.

RULE 10. In absence of President, the senior member present to call the Senate to order—The election of a President *pro tem.* to be the first business.

Of the Rights, Duties and Decorum of Members.

RULE 11. Members, when speaking, to address the President.

RULE 12. Limitation as to speaking.

RULE 13. Members not to interrupt another, except, &c.

RULE 14. Members not to speak on a question after it is put to vote.

RULE 15. Concerning the presentation of petitions, &c.

RULE 16. All motions to be reduced to writing, if the President so direct.

RULE 17. Concerning the reconsideration of votes.

RULE 18. Bills, &c., to remain in Clerk's possession until the right of reconsideration has expired.

RULE 19. Division of a question to be made, if desired—Motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 20. Unfinished business to have the preference.

RULE 21. Members not to vote on questions where their private rights are concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 22. Members not to absent themselves without leave, unless, &c.

RULE 23. Concerning the Yeas and Nays.

Of Committees.

RULE 24. Requiring statements to be made to Committees relative to proposed alteration of laws.

RULE 25. List of Standing Committees.

RULE 26. Committees to be appointed by the President, unless, &c.—First named to be Chairman—Substitute to hold the same rank as the original member—In elections, the person having the highest number of votes to be Chairman.

RULE 27. Order of question when motion is made to commit.

RULE 28. Reports of Committees not proposing final action, and of Committees of Conference, to be made the order of the day for the succeeding day.

RULE 29. No other than Joint or Special Committees to occupy the Senate Chamber without leave.

Of Bills and Resolves.

RULE 30. Concerning reports on petitions, notice of the presentation of which has not been published.

RULE 31. Bills and resolves, how to be written—Not to be introduced by a member without leave—When introduced, on leave, to be committed before second reading.

RULE 32. Bills, &c., from the House, to be committed, unless reported by a joint committee.

RULE 33. Bills, &c., not to be engrossed without three readings—Bills in second and third readings to be made the order of the day for the succeeding day—Matters passed over, how disposed of.

RULE 34. Bills and resolves involving expenditure of money to be referred to Committee on the Treasury.

RULE 35. Bills, &c., in their third reading to be committed for examination.

RULE 36. Engrossed bills, &c., to be committed for examination—Bills reported as rightly and truly engrossed not to be again read, unless, &c.

RULE 37. No engrossed bill to be amended, except by unanimous consent.

RULE 38. No rejected measure to be revived—This rule to apply to House as well as Senate measures.

Elections by Ballot.

RULE 39. Elections by ballot—time to be assigned therefor.

Senate Library.

RULE 40. Books to be in care of the Clerk—Clerk to keep account of all books delivered.

Reporters.

RULE 41. Reporters—seats for, to be numbered and assigned by lot.

General Rules.

RULE 42. Seats not to be occupied by persons other than members.

RULE 43. Regulations respecting admission of persons to Senate Chamber and rooms adjoining.

RULE 44. Cushing's Manual and Cushing's Law and Practice to govern, when inconsistent with Rules and Orders.

RULE 45. Concerning the alteration, rescinding, &c., of rules.

RULES AND ORDERS.

(Numbers enclosed in parentheses indicate corresponding Rules of the House.)

Of the Duties and Powers of the President.

RULE 1. (1.) The President shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Senate shall have adjourned, shall call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall proceed to business.

RULE 2. (2, 4.) He shall preserve order and decorum, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. He shall rise to put a question or to address the Senate, but may read sitting.

RULE 3. (3.) He shall declare all votes; but, if any member rises to doubt a vote, the President shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate.

RULE 4. (5.) The President may vote on all questions.

RULE 5. (7.) When any member shall move that any question be taken by yeas and nays, the President shall take the sense of the Senate in that manner, provided one-fifth of the members present shall so direct.

RULE 6. (10.) When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion but to *adjourn*, to *proceed to the consideration of the special assignment*, to *lay on the table*, to *postpone to a day certain*, to *commit*, to *amend*, to *refer to the next General Court*, or to *postpone indefinitely*, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

RULE 7. (11.) The motion to adjourn, when made while any other question is pending, and the motions to lay on the table, to take from the table and for the yeas and nays, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 8. (15.) When two or more members rise at once the President shall designate which of these shall be entitled to the floor.

RULE 9. (17.) The President shall have the right to appoint a member to perform the duties of the chair; but such appointment shall not extend beyond three days.

RULE 10. (48.) In case of a vacancy in the office of President, or in case the President, or the member substituted by

him in accordance with Rule No. 9, shall be absent at the hour designated in Rule No. 1, the senior member present shall call the Senate to order, and shall preside until a President or a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot, which shall be the first business of the Senate.

Of the Rights, Duties and Decorum of Members.

RULE 11. (20.) Every member, when he speaks, shall stand in his place, and address the President.

RULE 12. (22.) No member shall speak more than once on one question, to the prevention of any other who has not spoken and is desirous to speak; nor more than twice, without obtaining leave of the Senate.

RULE 13. (21.) No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to call to order.

RULE 14. After a question is put to a vote, no member shall speak to it.

RULE 15. (50.) Every member presenting a Petition, Memorial, or Remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, and, in the filing thereof, state briefly the nature and object of the instrument; and the reading of the same shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered by the Senate.

RULE 16. (38.) Any motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President so direct.

RULE 17. (23.) When a vote has passed, except on motions specified in Rule 7, it shall be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day: and such motion, if made on the same day, shall be placed first in the Orders of the Day, for the day succeeding that on which it is made; but, if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any collateral matter shall not remove the main subject under consideration, from before the Senate, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

RULE 18. (25.) Bills, resolves, and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration, shall remain in the possession of the Clerk until the right of reconsideration has expired.

RULE 19. (34.) A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible. But a motion to strike out, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 20. (37.) The unfinished business in which the Senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have the preference in the Orders of the Day, next after motions to reconsider.

RULE 21. (31.) No member shall be permitted to vote or serve on any committee on a question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 22. No member shall absent himself from the Senate without leave, unless there be a quorum without his presence.

RULE 23. (7, 32.) Whenever a question shall be taken by yeas and nays, the Clerk shall call the names of all the members, except the President, in alphabetical order; and every member present shall answer to his name, unless excused before the vote is taken; and no member shall be permitted to vote after the decision is announced from the chair.

Of Committees.

RULE 24. (43.) It shall be the duty of every member of the Senate, who moves that any Standing Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an existing law, to point out to such Committee, in writing, the amendment which he deems expedient, and to furnish a written statement of the facts and authorities in favor thereof, to such Committee, if by them required.

RULE 25. (67.) The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session, to wit:—

A Committee on the Judiciary;

A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading;

And each of these Committees shall consist of five members.

A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery;

A Committee on the Treasury;

A Committee on Printing;

A Committee on Engrossed Bills;

A Committee on Leave of Absence ;

And each of these Committees shall consist of three members.

RULE 26. (16, 68.) All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Senate, and the person first named shall be Chairman. In all elections of Committees by ballot, the person having the highest number of votes shall act as Chairman.

RULE 27. (42.) When a motion is made to commit any subject, and different Committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order : A Standing Committee of the Senate—a Select Committee of the Senate—a Joint Standing Committee—a Joint Select Committee.

RULE 28. Reports of Committees, except such as do not propose final action, and Reports of Committees of Conference, shall, unless otherwise specially ordered, be placed in the Orders of the Day next succeeding that on which they shall be presented to the Senate.

RULE 29. No Committee shall be allowed to occupy the Senate Chamber without leave of the Senate.

RULE 30. (52.) No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the Senate by any Committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that notice had been given in the manner provided by law ; or, unless such notice as the Committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the Committee ; or, unless, in the judgment of the Committee, no notice to the parties or public is necessary.

Of Bills and Resolves.

RULE 31. (57, 58.) All bills and Resolves shall be written in a fair, round hand, without interlineations, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves. No bill or resolve shall be introduced by a member without special leave ; and all bills and resolves, when so introduced, shall be committed before they are passed to a second reading.

RULE 32. All bills and resolves from the House of Representatives, after they are read a first time, shall be committed to a committee of the Senate, except when said bills or resolves shall have been reported by a joint committee.

RULE 33. (56, 64.) No bill or resolve, or substitute therefor, shall pass to be engrossed without three readings on three several days; and bills and resolves in the second and third readings shall be made the order of the day for the day next succeeding that on which leave shall have been given to read them a second or third time, and the President shall order them accordingly. After being placed in the Orders of the Day, they shall be disposed of in course; and matters passed over in the Orders of the Day shall go to the foot of the list, and shall not be considered till the next day.

RULE 34. (60.) All bills and resolves involving the expenditure of public money, shall, after the first reading; be referred in course to the Committee on the Treasury; whose duty it shall be to report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

RULE 35. (61.) All bills and resolves in the third reading shall be committed to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading; whose duty it shall be to ascertain their relations to the Constitution, and any existing laws upon the same subject-matter, and to see that all such bills and resolves are correct in form.

RULE 36. (62.) All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills; whose duty it shall be carefully to compare the same with the bill as passed to be engrossed; and if found by them to be rightly and truly engrossed, they shall so endorse on the envelope thereof, and the final question shall be taken thereon without any further reading, unless, on motion of any member, a majority of the Senate shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

RULE 37. (63.) No engrossed bill or resolve shall be amended.

RULE 38. (58.) When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration, and no measure *substantially* the same shall be introduced during the session; and this Rule shall apply as well to measures originating in the House as to those originating in the Senate.

Elections by Ballot.

RULE 39. (68.) In all elections by ballot, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

Senate Library.

RULE 40. The books belonging to the Senate Chamber shall be in the care of the Clerk, who shall keep an accurate list thereof; and no book shall be taken from the Senate Chamber by any person without giving notice thereof to the Clerk, who shall enter, in a book to be kept by him, the name of the book, and the name of the person taking the same.

Reporters.

RULE 41. Seats for reporters shall be numbered, and assigned by lot, under the direction of the Clerk of the Senate.

General Rules.

RULE 42. (44.) No person not a member of the Senate shall be allowed to sit at the Senate table while the Senate is in session.

RULE 43. No person other than members of the legislative and executive departments of the State government shall be allowed to be present in the Clerk's room, or the room intervening between that and the Senate Chamber, while the Senate is in session, or during the half hour immediately preceding and following any session.

RULE 44. The Rules of Parliamentary Practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, and the principles of parliamentary law set forth in Cushing's larger work, shall govern the Senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules and Orders of the Senate, or the Joint Rules of the two branches of the legislature.

RULE 45. (38.) Any Rule or Order, except the *thirty-fifth*, may be altered, suspended or rescinded, two-thirds of the members present consenting thereto.

[No. 3.]

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

TWO BRANCHES.

RULE 1. List of joint standing committees—No member of either House to act as counsel before any committee.

RULE 2. Joint committees; how they may report—How their reports shall be written.

RULE 3. Reports of joint committees may be recommitted by either House, except, &c.—All reports, after recommitment, to be made to the House which ordered the same.

RULE 4. Papers on their passage to be under the signature of the Clerks, except, &c.—Messages.

RULE 5. Engrossed bills and bills ordered to be engrossed.

RULE 6. Notice of bills, etc., rejected to be sent to the other branch.

RULE 7. Bills that have passed to be enacted.

RULE 8. Rule 7th, concerning bills, to be applied also to resolves.

RULE 9. Resolves proposing amendments to the Constitution.

RULE 10. President of the Senate to preside in Conventions—Conventions to be held in the Representatives' Chamber—Clerk of the Senate to be Clerk of.

RULE 11. An agreement to go into a Convention not to be altered or annulled, unless, &c.

RULE 12. Restriction as to business of Conventions.

RULE 13. Elections by joint ballot; time to be assigned therefor.

RULE 14. Committees of Conference; how composed, and their reports.

RULE 15. Concerning reports on petitions, notice of the presentation of which has not been given.

RULE 16. Concerning petitions, memorials, &c.

RULE 17. Concerning the printing and binding of documents.

RULE 1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz. :—

- A Committee on Agriculture;
- A Committee on Banks and Banking;
- A Committee on Claims;
- A Committee on Education;
- A Committee on Expenditures;
- A Committee on Federal Relations;
- A Committee on the Fisheries;

A Committee on the Library;
 A Committee on Manufactures;
 A Committee on Mercantile Affairs;
 A Committee on Insurance;
 A Committee on Military Affairs;
 A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies;
 A Committee on Prisons;
 A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions;
 A Committee on Public Lands;
 A Committee on Railways;
 A Committee on Horse Railways;
 A Committee on Roads and Bridges;
 A Committee on the State House;
 A Committee on Towns;
 A Committee on Harbors;
 A Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

And each of said Committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Committee on Railways, and the Committee on Horse Railways, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members on the part of the House; and except the Committee on the Library, which by law, is to consist of three on the part of each House; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature. }

RULE 2. The Joint Committees of the two Houses may report by bill, resolve or otherwise, to either House, at their discretion; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be written in a fair, legible hand, without interlineation, on not less than a sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves.

RULE 3. Reports of Joint Committees may be recommitted to the same committees at the pleasure of the House first acting thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concur-

rent vote, except when recommitted with instructions: *provided*, that, after such recommitment, reports shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 5. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and, when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall, in like manner, be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 6. If any bill, resolve or order, originating in one branch, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 7. The Clerk of the House in which a bill originated, shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the Journals by the Clerks respectively.

• After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for his approbation, and shall enter upon the Journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

RULE 8. All resolves and other papers, which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

RULE 9. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution, shall have three separate readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 10. The President of the Senate shall preside in Conventions of the two branches; and such Conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; and the Clerk of the Senate shall be Clerk of the Conventions.

RULE 11. When an agreement has been made by the two

branches to go into Convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 12. No business shall be entered on, in Convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the Convention is formed.

RULE 13. In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

RULE 14. Committees of Conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each Committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new Committee of Conference.

RULE 15. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the legislature by any Committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that notice had been given in the manner provided by law; or, unless such notice as the Committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the Committee; or, unless, in the judgment of the Committee, no notice to the parties or the public is necessary.

RULE 16. All petitions, memorials and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes and chapter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented after the twenty-second day of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This Rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of three-fourths of the members of each House present and voting thereon.

RULE 17. The Committee on Printing shall act as a Joint Committee in cases requiring joint action; and as such may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the legislature, not otherwise disposed of; such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's Inaugural Address, of which three thousand copies may be printed without special order. Either branch, by special order, may direct a larger number than eight

hundred copies to be printed, which order shall be referred to the Committee on Printing, who may report thereon at any time when the Orders of the Day are not under consideration.

Leave to report in print, shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No binding or engraving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing accepted by the legislature.

Bills, reports and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's Office; six copies to the State Library; and, when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Joint Committee.

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THE OATH OF OFFICE.

[See page 5.]

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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